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因為我平常老是坐著工作，想說偶爾出去散個步也好，結果才剛過年，就跌了一大跤　而且還是在路邊，什麼事都沒有的情況下跌倒

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THE FIRE WITHIN

What dreams may come for young Naoto? When the real world becomes tiresome, Naoto finds himself engrossed in the dream-world of Orgos. But pleasantries soon become nightmarish when Camu finds escape in dangerous behavior, and Lusia tries hard not to succumb to the deadly calling of the Lucavifate–a voice that desires she do the unthinkable. Reality catches up with Naoto as he continues his study of sorcery–will his novice abilities be enough to keep the battle between the Elphis and the Sand Dusts within his grasp? In a world where fantasy and reality intertwine, Naoto must awaken to the fire within, and only then can he hope to survive the waking-dream that is ***Desert Coral***.

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THE STORY SO FAR

Naoto has come to terms with the reality of Orgos, the dream that is not a dream, and thus the world of Orgos no longer denies Naoto a physical presence. The sorceress Lusia and her band of peacekeepers—Desert Coral—summoned unsuspecting Naoto to fight for their cause. Naoto, however, has been more useful in Orgos than in his more familiar classroom. When the quest for Mee the dimensional dragon appeared fruitless, Naoto searched a field of migratory dragon corpses and instinctively honed in on the prize. Naoto, however, wanted nothing to do with Desert Coral's mission—it seemed too dangerous for his taste; but when Mee returned to his world with him, Naoto began to rethink his purpose in life. Naoto returned to Orgos, wondering where this trans-dimensional dream will take him.

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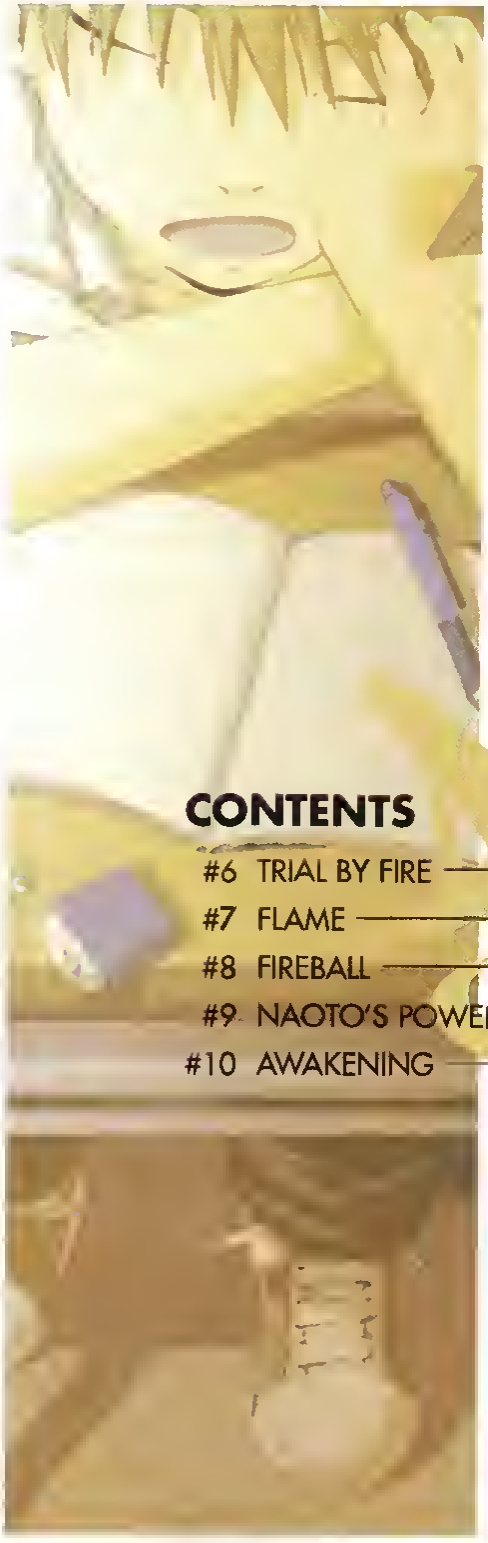

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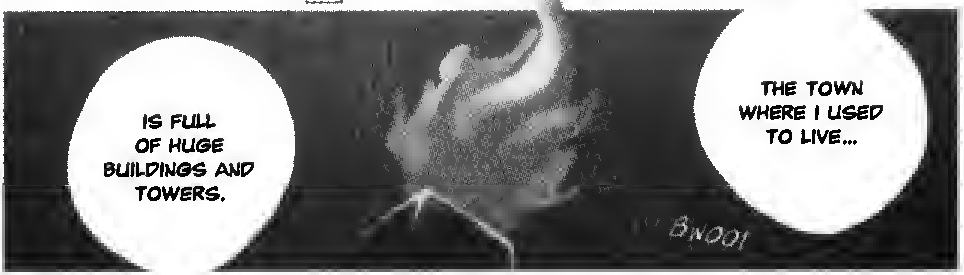

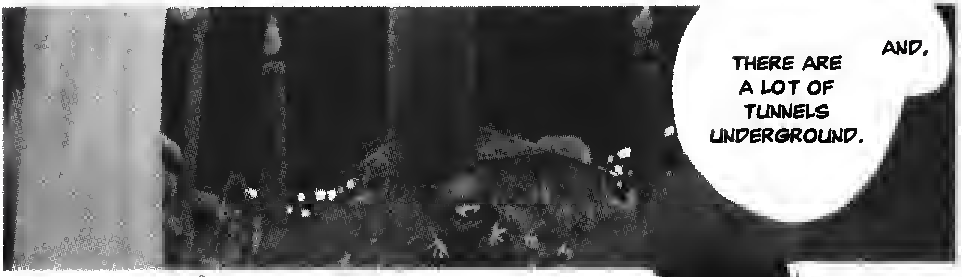

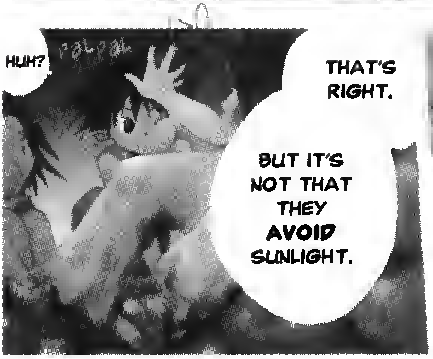

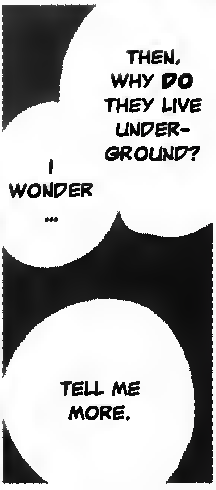

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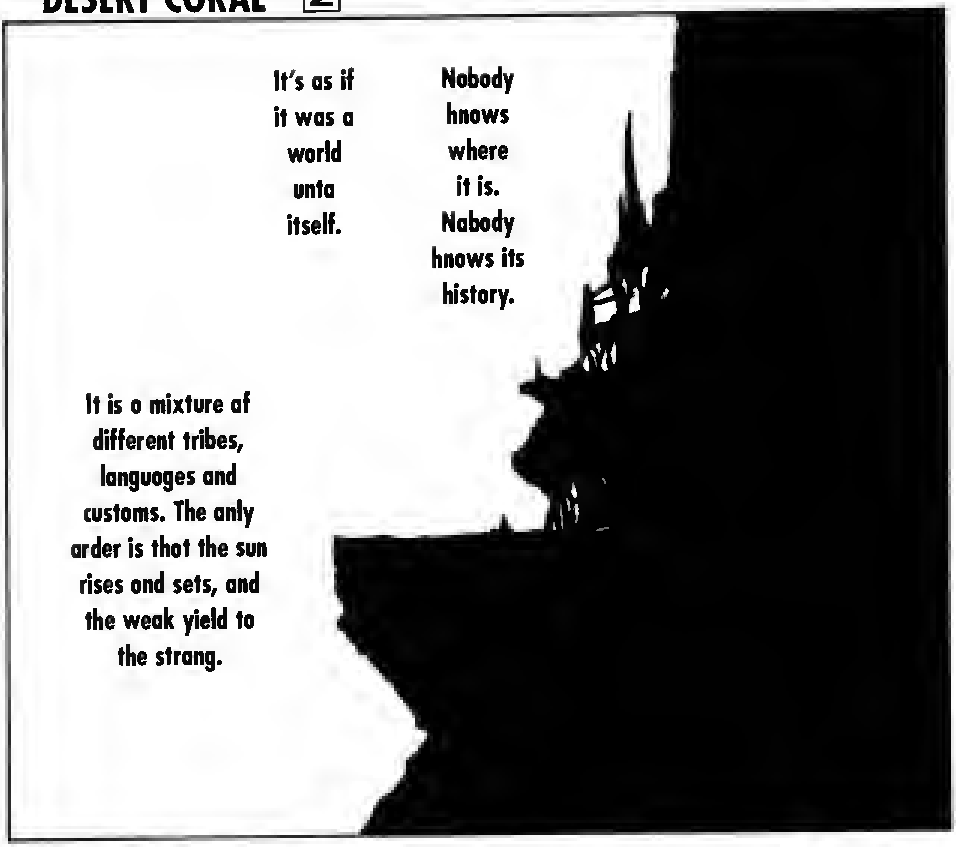
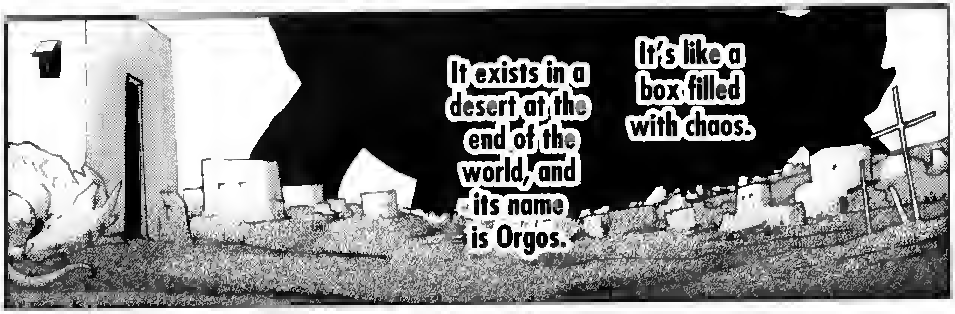
TRIAL BY FIRE

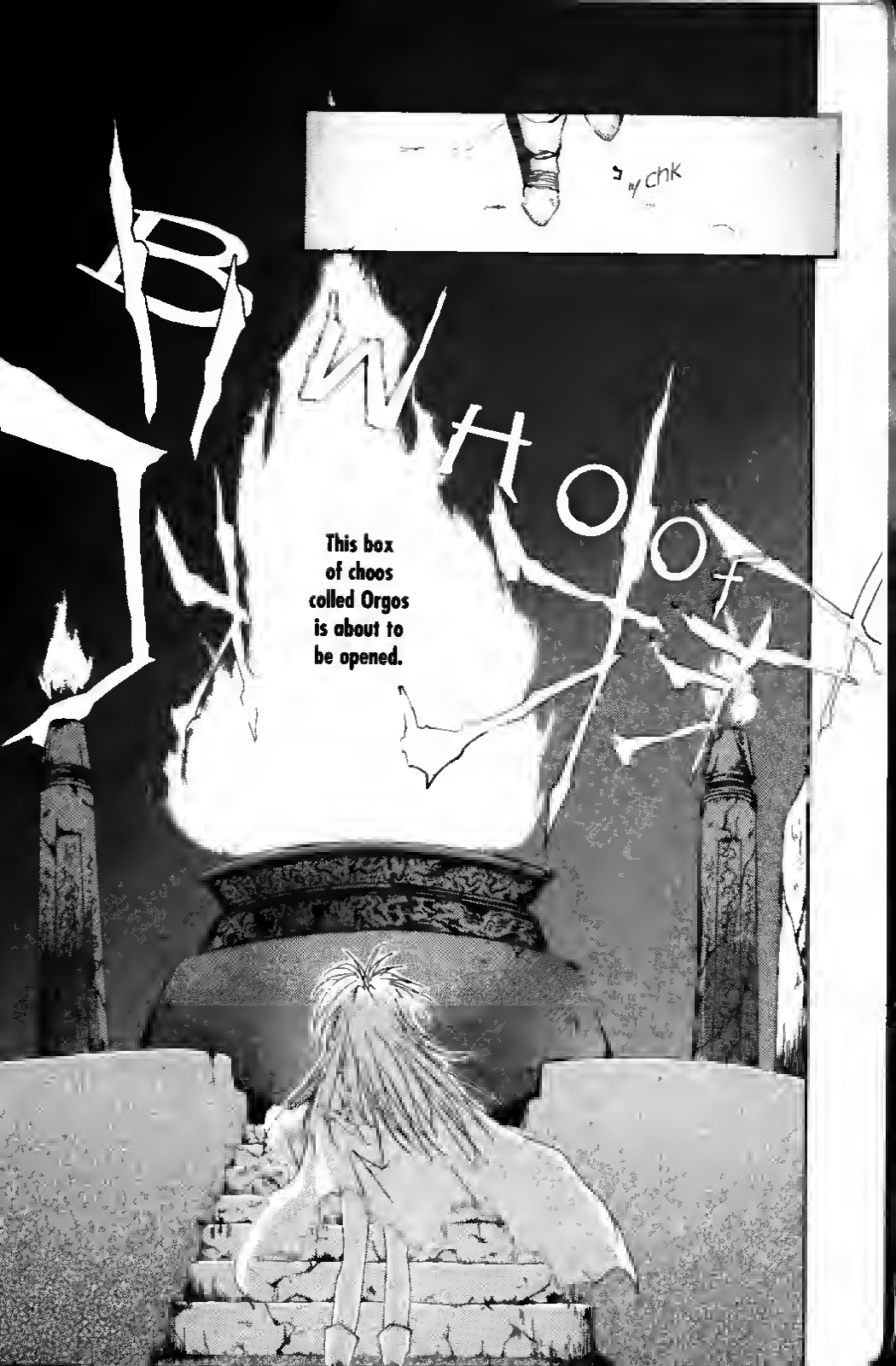
WHAT?
.....
FLICKER
WHAT WAS THAT?
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
!
FLICKER
SWOOP
NO.
IT'S NOTHING.
AN ELPHIS?
It can't be ...
PLOOSH
WOOOR!!!!


It's as if it was a world unto itself.
Nobody knows where it is. Nobody knows its history.
It is a mixture af different tribes, languoges and customs. The anly arder is thot the sun rises ond sets, and the weak yield to the strang.



There are various other tribes who dwell in the murky shadaws of the lowest Regian. They are the **Sand Dusts.**

The Elphis is o tribe thot resides in the upper Region of Orgos.


This box of choos colled Orgos is about to be opened.

WITH THOSE RITES OF PROTECTION YET?
AREN'T THEY FINISHED...
YAWN...
SIGH
OOF
OH WELL...
Always dan' as he pleases.
SURE.
HAVE SOME.
HERE.
IT'S ALMOST OVER. HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT.
SARAMOOD YE WHO SLUMBER IN THIS LAND!
THOU WHO ART BORN OF FLAME!

I SHALL AWAKEN THEE FROM THY SLEEP
I POSSESS THE ANCIENT WISDOM. WE ARE BOUND BY OATH
VGORR

THE ANCIENT WISDOM OBSERVES ALL CHANGE
THE ANCIENT WISDOM AWAKENS THEE AND SUMMONS THEE
.....

CHATTER
MURMUR
MURMUR
UMM?
.....
HM?
.....
dazed
MAN, I'M BORED.
.....
CAMUI'S GONE, AND I'M GETTING WORRIED.
ぱくぱく munch
ぱくぱく munch
ONE MORE.
PLEASE
YOU DON'T LOOK WORRIED AT ALL.
HELP YOURSELVES.
WHERE'S CAMUI, EURO AND THAT OTHER DUDE?!
MUNCH MUNCH
UM, YUMMY!
DUNNO.

I'LL GO LOOK FOR HER.
CHATTER
CHATTER
THUP
MUNCH
PUP
YO,

LUSIA...

HM
.....

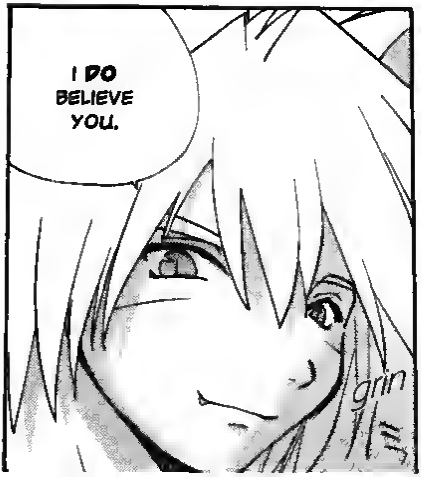
vGorrrr

YO, NAOTO.
HEY, WHAT'S UP?
OH. A CAT MAN

RICH FOLK USE THEM TO GO ABROAD.
chatter
AND IN THE SKY, YOU SEE THINGS CALLED AIRPLANES INSTEAD OF DRAGONS!
ABROAD?
WHAT DO YOU EAT?
AIR- WHAT ?

YOU'VE BEEN HERE A WEEK. GETTING USED TO THINGS?
I THINK SO.
A TAIL!
HEY, LEVINAS.
I FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE HERE.
MORE THAN IN MY OWN WORLD.
HM?
BUT I GUESS IT'S LIKE...
AWW!
NEXT TIME, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT WHEN I WAS INVISIBLE.
WHAT?
WHEN'S THAT?
HA HA.
THERE, THERE.
TELL US MORE STORIES!
Well, I dozed off a lot during class.
NEXT TIME, OKAY?
HEY NAOTO,
I WANNA HEAR ABOUT YOUR WORLD, TOO.

SMILE
BUT UP UNTIL A WHILE AGO, MY BODY DIDN'T PHYSICALLY EXIST. I WAS INVISIBLE.
HM. YOU PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE THIS...
BUT I THINK MY OLD BODY IS STILL THERE, IN MY WORLD.
THANKS TO LUSIA'S POWER, I LOOK REAL IN THIS WORLD NOW.


I DO BELIEVE YOU.
grin

IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.

REALLY?

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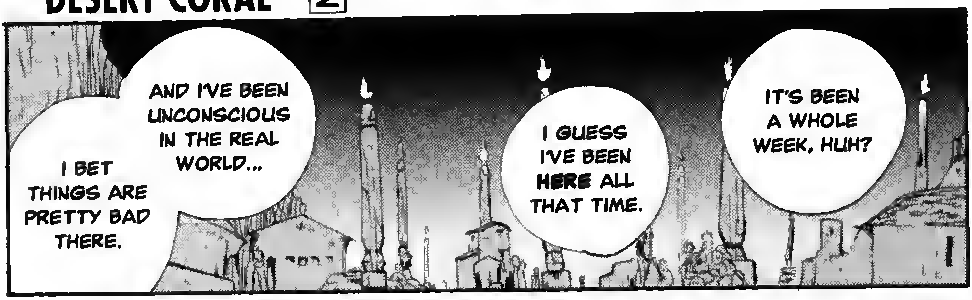
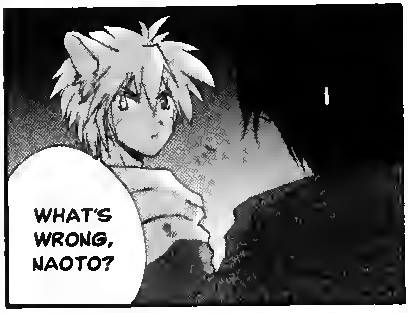
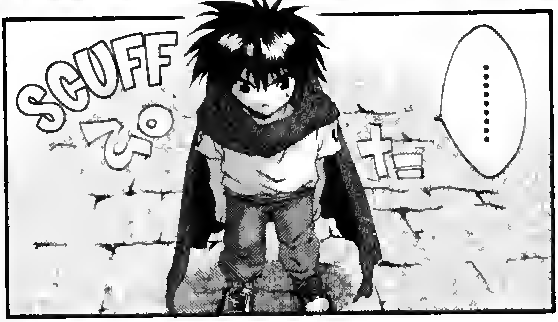
no kidding


I BET THINGS ARE PRETTY BAD THERE.
AND I'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS IN THE REAL WORLD...
I GUESS I'VE BEEN HERE ALL THAT TIME.
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE WEEK, HUH?

NOW IT FEELS LIKE THE OTHER WORLD IS...
A DREAM

UP 'TILL NOW, I THOUGHT I WAS JUST DREAMING.
.....


WHAT'S WRONG, NAOTO?


SCUFF
.....

I'm so used to it here.
IF I CAN'T EVER GO BACK?
WHAT AM I GONNA DO...
UH, NOTHING!

AM I GONNA SPEND THE REST MY LIFE HERE, WORKING WITH DESERT CORAL?
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME?

WELCOME TO SARAMOOD, CITY OF THE FLAME BEARERS.

STILL...

Whatever happens, happens I guess.
Well, thinking about it won't CHANGE anything.
SCUFF
SCUFF

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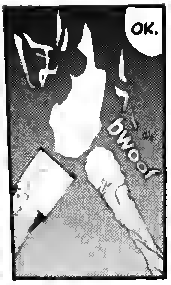


THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND THOSE WHO POSSESS THE FLAME WITHIN.
BWOOF
?!
MAY THY SOUL RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF THE FLAME.
!!!
THOUGH THE WORLD ITSELF MAY BE JUST AN ILLUSION.
THOUGH THE WORLD ITSELF MAY MERELY BE SOMEONE'S DREAM...
BA-DUMP
BWOOF

HEY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG, NAOTO?
.....
FWUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
?
HUH?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
AND WHERE ARE CAMU AND EURO?
.....
UH.
YEAH.
ARE YOU REALLY OK?
...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
?!
Yaay

BOOM
BOOM
ROAR
C'MON OVER AND WATCH THE SHOW!
WOAH
WOAH
GULP
GULP
waaA
grab
BURP

BOOM
IT'S THE AMAZING DRUNKEN FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON!
IF YOU SEE IT, YOU'VE GOTTA PAY!
BOOM
OOOOOH!
SO BRING OUT YOUR MONEY OR YOUR BOOZE!
HIC

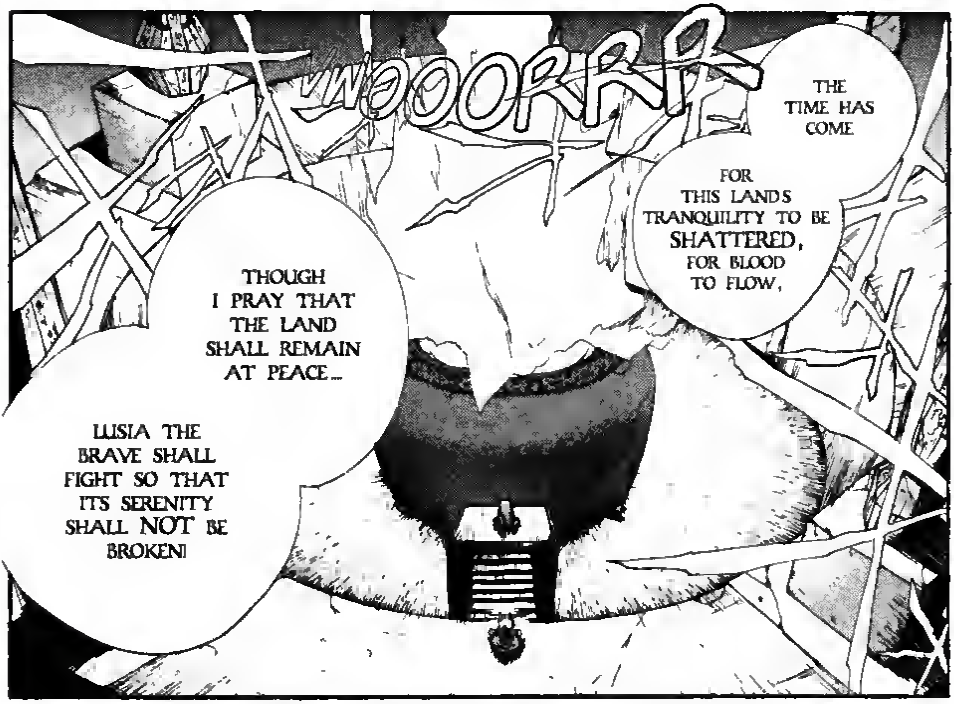
THE FLAME SPIRIT MIGHT GET MAD! THIS IS A SACRED PLACE!
FIDGET
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
JINGLE
yay
ROAR
yay yay
CAMU!
HEY, CAMU!
SHE CALLS THE SPIRIT...
OL' SARAM-OOD?
DON'T YOU WORRY. SARAMOOD WILL UNDERSTAND.
HIC
THE FLAME SPIRIT? YOU MEAN OL' SARAMOOD!
HYA HA HA
Ka-BOOM
HERE GO THE FIREWORKS!
HIC
HEY, DON'T WORRY.
IT'S A FESTIVAL!
THERE, GIRLIE!
I'M NOT A GIRL.
CAMU ...

THAT'S CAMU FOR YOU.
AND WHAT'S SHE GONNA DO NEXT?
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
ほぼん BA-BOOM
ほーほほほほ Ha Ha Ha!
……
A BLACK FLAME?
ぼ BWHOOF
MURMUR
……
ぼぼぼん BOOM
OHOHOH! おおお
It can't be...
WHOA!

SPECIAL WINE
TOSS
IT'S MY FAMILY'S ...
YO, DRAGON-HANDLER GIRL!
THAT WAS ONE HECK OF A SHOW!
HERE'S A TOKEN OF MY THANKS!
THUP
CATCH
GOT IT! THANKS!
HM. THIS IS AN OLD BOTTLE.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A SPIRIT WITHIN IT.
What?
What now?
Yay
I have a BAD feeling ...
START

La-da-n
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE ...
HEH HEH. ♪
THE SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN THIS WINE BOTTLE.
GROWL
O ANCIENT SPIRIT OF THE WINE BOTTLE!
HERE IS ONE WHO WISHES TO BE THY CAPTIVE!
YES!
BNSH

AAH... HEY, I FEEL KINDA NICE.
STAGGER
H-HiC!!
BLUSH
BY THY INCREDIBLE POWER, INVITE ME INTO THY WORLD OF ILLUSION!
WHAT?
?
?


DOORRR
THE TIME HAS COME
FOR THIS LANDS TRANQUILITY TO BE SHATTERED, FOR BLOOD TO FLOW,
THOUGH I PRAY THAT THE LAND SHALL REMAIN AT PEACE...
LUSIA THE BRAVE SHALL FIGHT SO THAT ITS SERENITY SHALL NOT BE BROKEN!

SARAMOOD, SPIRIT OF FLAME!
I PRAY THEE, LEND THY POWER TO LUSIA THE BRAVE!
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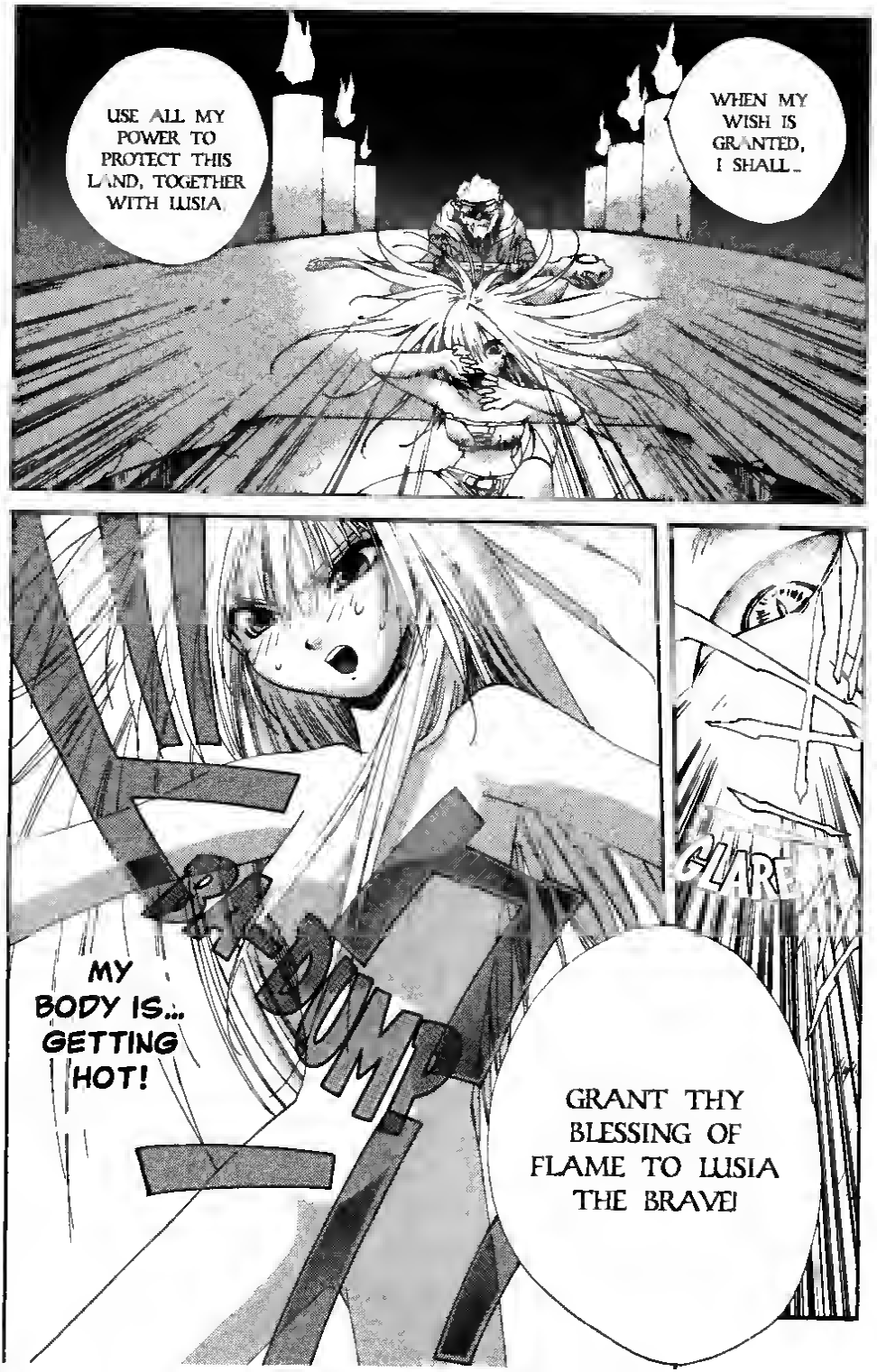
USE ALL MY POWER TO PROTECT THIS LAND, TOGETHER WITH LUSIA!
WHEN MY WISH IS GRANTED, I SHALL...
MY BODY IS... GETTING HOT!
DUMP
GLARE
GRANT THY BLESSING OF FLAME TO LUSIA THE BRAVE!

FLASH
PREPARE THYSELF!!
HOWEVER, SHOULD THE TRIAL OVERCOME THEE, THY WEAK SPIRIT SHALL BE DEVOURED BY THE FLAMES OF HELL.
THE TIME HATH COME FOR THEE TO STAND TRIAL. WHEN THOU HAST OVERCOME THIS TRIAL, I SHALL GRANT THEE MINE POWER.
CHILD OF THE LUCAVIFATE, THE CURSED ONES...
WHOOM
?!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
VWOOORRR
SLUMP
?
.....
VWOOORRR
BA-DUMP
ELPHIS.
BA-DUM!...
BWOOOORRR
VWOOM
!!

BA-DUMP
HUFF
HUFF
BA-DUMP
BWHOOF
BWHOOF
BWHOOF
BWHOOF

WAIT!
PRIEST!
PUNCH
THUP
THIS MAY BE THE TRIAL.
HEY, STOP!
LUSIA!
DASH
BLACK FLAMES!
WHAT HAS BROUGHT THIS EVIL ENERGY?!

STARE
HOWEVER, IF IT OVERCOMES HER, SHE MAY LOSE HER LIFE.
IF SHE CAN OVERCOME THIS, SHE WILL GAIN THE POWER OF SARAMOOD!!
.....
I AM OF THE TRIBE OF SARAMOODALA, THE FLAME BEARERS, PROTECTED BY SARAMOOD! I CAN TAKE CARE OF IT, IF NECESSARY.
.....
VWORRA
WELL, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY!
.....
LUSIA...
VWOOORRR

IT'S SWALLOWING ME!
GRRR
HUFF
BWHOOF
HUFF
BWHOOF

WILL SHE BE OKAY?
HEY, PRIEST!
COULD IT BE THE ELPHIS?!
!!
NO. THIS EVIL FLAME IS NOT SARA-MOOD'S.
THE EVIL ENERGY IS GETTING STRONGER!
IT MAY FAIL.
NO.
HAJIKA-BOOM
♪ HA HA HA HA!
HA HA
DRINK UP!
HEY, A FESTIVAL!
WHOOPEE
HEH ♪
OOPS, I FORGOT TO PICK A ♪ TARGET FOR MY MAGIC. ♪
AAARGH.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BWA HA ♬ HA HA!

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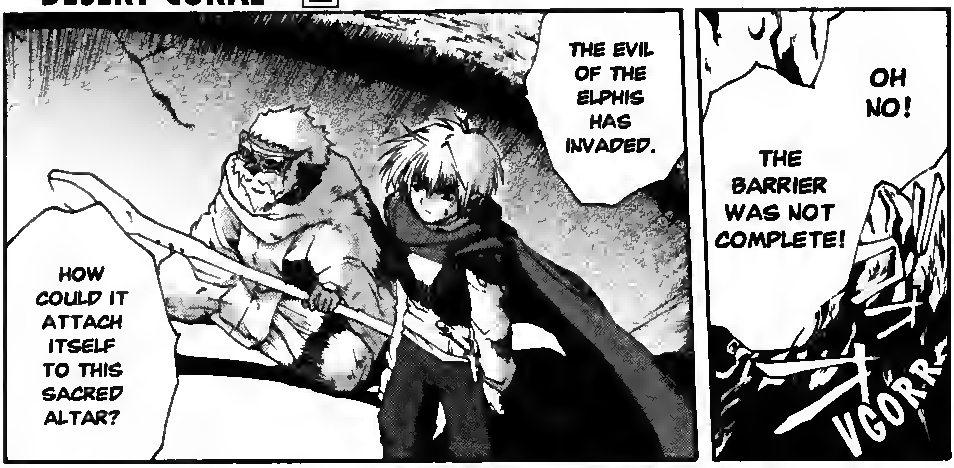
FLAME

OVERCOME THIS TRIAL GIVEN TO THEE WITH THY POWERFUL WILL...
CHILD OF THE LUCAVIFATE, THE CURSED ONES...

URG...
SWORD
ELSE,

!!

YOUR BODY...
WILL BE CONSUMED BY THE EVIL OF THE ELPHIS!


THE EVIL OF THE ELPHIS HAS INVADED.
HOW COULD IT ATTACH ITSELF TO THIS SACRED ALTAR?
OH NO!
THE BARRIER WAS NOT COMPLETE!
VGORR

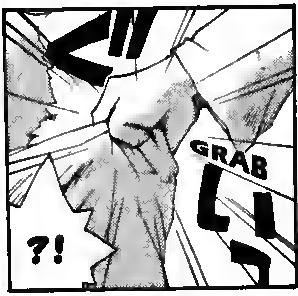
SO THE SPIRIT OF THE ELPHIS JOINED THE FLAME OF SARAMOOD TO CREATE THIS EVIL ENERGY?

WAIT!
LEAVE IT TO ME! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE BARRIER. I'LL DEFEAT THE EVIL ENERGY!
VWOORRR
A SPIRIT THAT CAN'T DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE ELPHIS IS USE-LESS.
HMM... THE STRENGTH OF A SPIRIT DEPENDS ON ITS HANDLER.

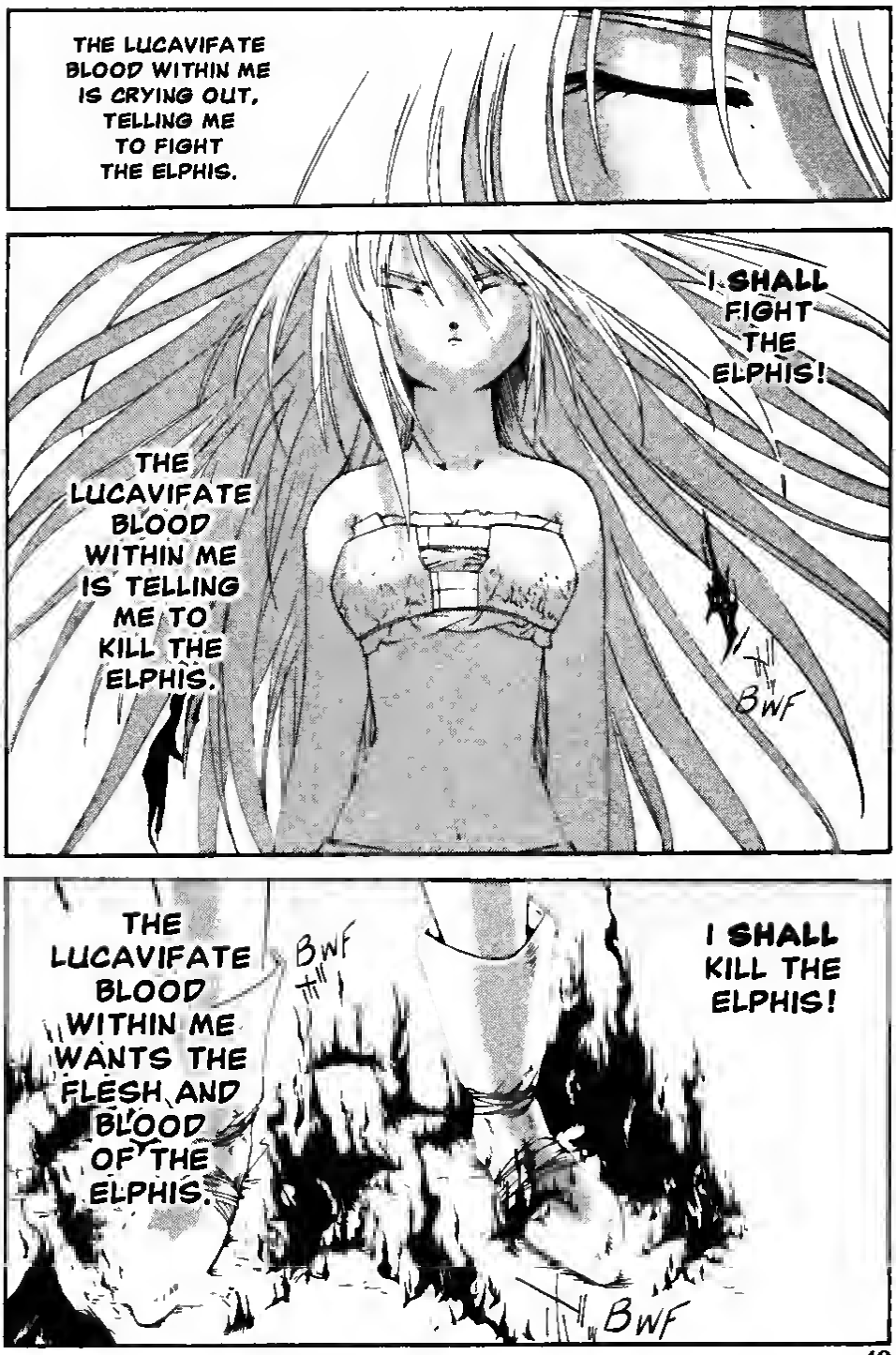
BUT --
WE MUST DEFEAT THIS EVIL BEFORE CONTIN-UING.
THIS HAS GONE BEYOND A TRIAL!
YOU STAY OUT OF IT.
THIS TRIAL IS FOR ME.
I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.

LET GO OF ME!
NO!
VWORR

WHAT?


GRAB
?!

IF LUSIA SAYS SHE'LL BE FINE.
SHE'LL BE FINE.
I HAVE A MISSION.
SWSH!


THE LUCAVIFATE BLOOD WITHIN ME IS CRYING OUT, TELLING ME TO FIGHT THE ELPHIS.
I SHALL FIGHT THE ELPHIS!
THE LUCAVIFATE BLOOD WITHIN ME IS TELLING ME TO KILL THE ELPHIS.
BWF
THE LUCAVIFATE BLOOD WITHIN ME WANTS THE FLESH AND BLOOD OF THE ELPHIS.
BWF
I SHALL KILL THE ELPHIS!
BWF

I...WANT THE FLESH AND BLOOD OF...
THE ELPHIS...
NO!!

ka-BOOM
cra
kle...

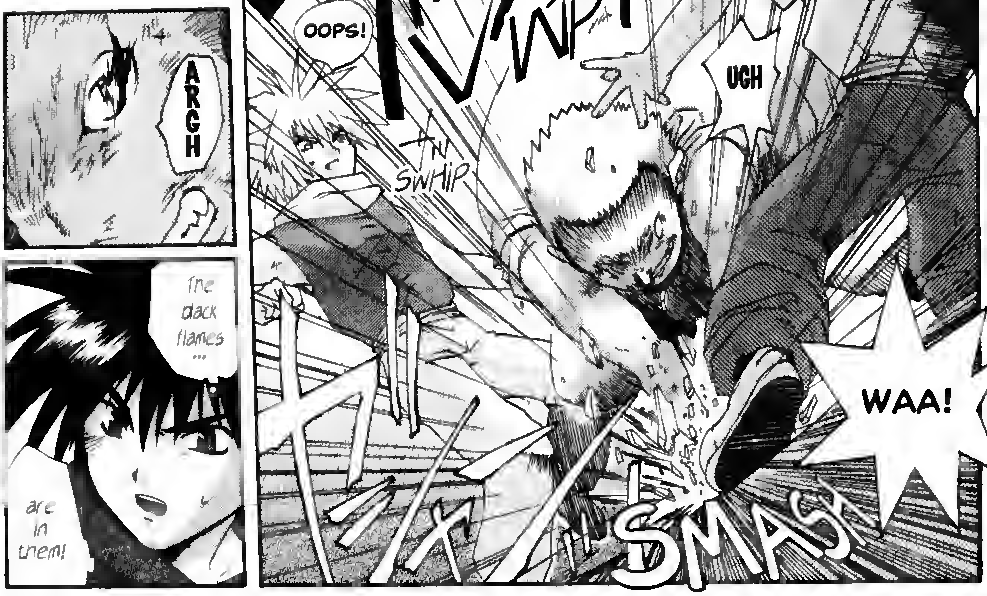
ARGH
?!
W-
WHAT?
ARGH

ARGH
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?
GARGH

CRKL
!
GARGH

VROOM
GULP
SWOOSH
ONE MORE DRINK!!
CHEERS!
SCUFF
HUH?
ARCH
LEVINAS!
AND NAOTO...
WHAT?!
HEY LEVI. THESE GUYS LOOK PRETTY SCARY.
UH, WHAT?

!!
HYAAA
SPLOOSH
TWITCH
S-SORRY! WAAAH!
TWITCH
びっしょ!
DRENCHED
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
HEY, WATCH OUT!
BUT IT WOKE YOU UP, RIGHT?


ARGH
OOPS!
SWHIP
UCH
WAA!
the black flames ...
are in them!

SWHIP
STICK
THE EVIL SPIRIT OF THE ELPHIS?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
THE BLACK FLAMES?
THE ELPHIS ARE SPREADING THEM AROUND.
THEY'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE MAIN BODY, BUT ONCE THEY TAKE HOLD OF YOU, IT'S HARD TO GET RID OF IT.

YOU BECOME A DEMON.
damn
THEN WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU?

OUCH!

CAMU? In Trouble?
!!
THE EVIL SPIRIT'S IN CAMU'S DRAGON!

fwip
tail-ぽ
AUCH!
CALM DOWN!
ぽ! splat と
OW!
...
...
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKIN' AT?
TWITCH
GLARE
WHY YOU ...
HOW DARE YOU DEFY ME?!
Not again ...
b-dmp b-dmp
THWIP

GRRR
330!!!
NOW GO AND FIGHT!
I'M NOT TAKING ORDERS FROM YOU!
WHOA!
POINT
WHAT?!
YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED!
YOU! LUSIA'S SUMMONED MONSTER-BOY! YOUR JOB IS TO FIGHT THE DRAGON!
IF YOU WON'T OBEY ME...
CHATTER
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE
WHILE WE STILL CAN.
THP
THP
OK ...
SEE YA!
SHUT THE HELL UP!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
WHO WANTED MY HELP WITH THE DRAGON!
YOU WERE THE ONE
WHY ATTACK ME?!
MY DEAR FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON, PUNISH NAOTO!!

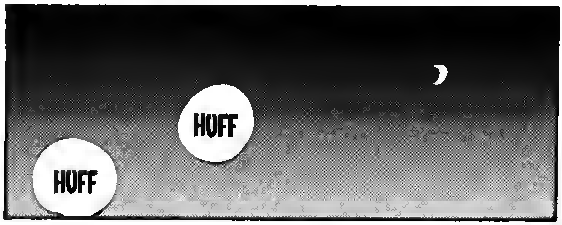
YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE DRAGON DRUNK.
NO LUSH will beat me!
THUD
TOO BAD, CAMU.
GRRR
EEEK!!
ひイイッ
...I THINK.
TH-THUD
WHAT?!
HUH?
WHERE'D THEY GO?!
WE'LL ALL WORK TOGETH-ER!
LEVI! EURO!
WHIRL

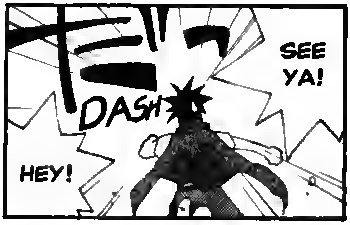
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
I'M LEAVIN' TOO!
DASH
GRAB
ARGH!
SMIRK
DON'T WORRY ABOUT LUSIA. SHE IS WITH THE OTHERS.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
HECK NO!
CAN YOU DO IT?
PROTECT ME FROM THE DRAGON AND THE PEOPLE UNDER THE EVIL SPIRIT'S CONTROL.
NOW FOR A DIFFERENT JOB-
GRR
Eeek!
UGH!
Is she friend or foe? Is she even with Desert Coral?
THIS SUCKS!! HOW'D I GET STUCK WITH HER?
AND DISTRACT THE DRAGON SO IT WON'T ATTACK THE VILLAGERS.

FIGHT, MY SERVANT!!
SHUDDER
HA HA HA HA HA!
You ain't Lusia!

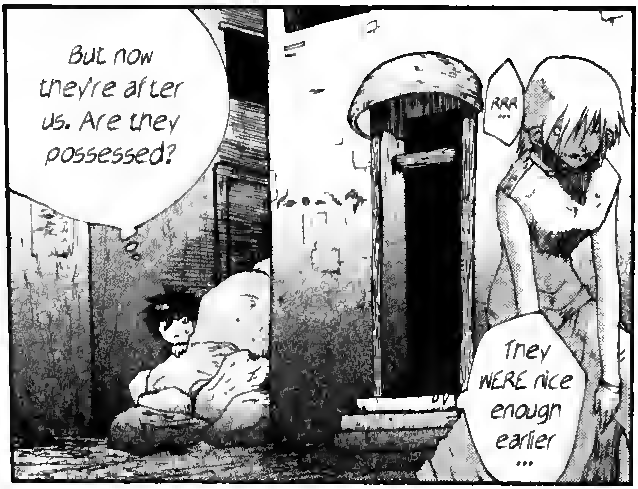
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WANT TO KNOW HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
NOW, GO ON AND FIGHT!
GRAB

WHAT?
IF I WAS LUSIA, I'D SAY...


HUFF
HUFF


DASH
SEE YA!
HEY!

I'll hide here for a while ...


But now they're after us. Are they possessed?
RRR...
They WERE nice enough earlier ...

YO.

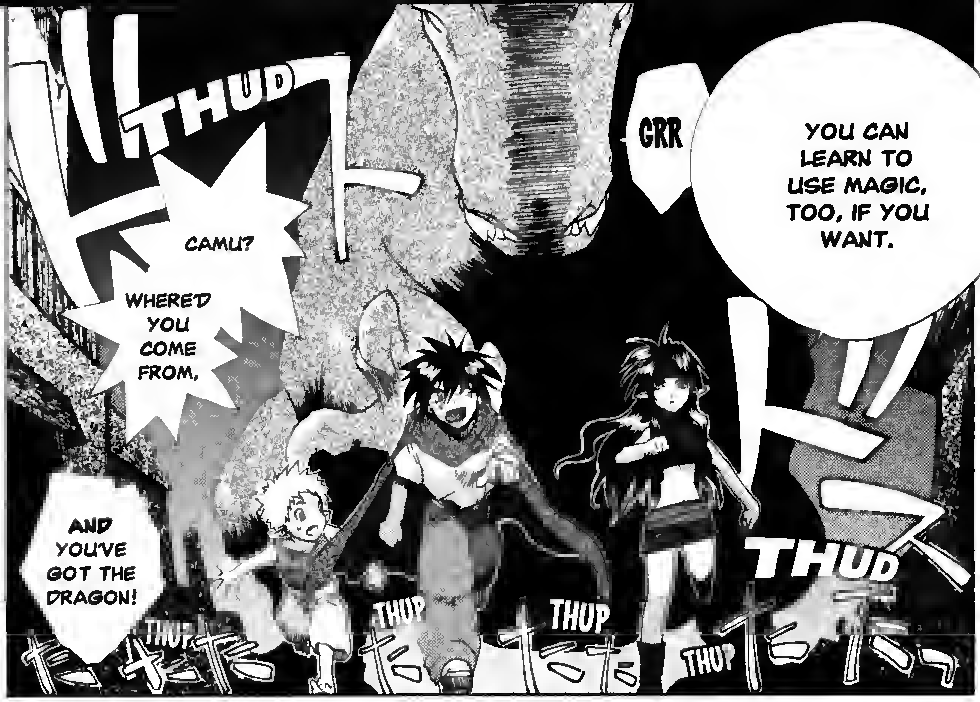
HA HA HA
SHOVE
RR
YO, NAOTO.
GIMME SOME MONEY!
RR...
LET'S GO, CHISATO.
.....
RUNNING AWAY, HUH?!
HA HA.
COWARD!
I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO...
I HAVE TO RUN TO SURVIVE!!
SURE I'M A COWARD! WHO CARES?

HM.
AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT...
JUST ISN'T COOL.
HWUR
!!
YA!
DASH
DAMN!
KA-KLUNK
AH
HIC
HEY, MISTER!
YOU OK?
OF COURSE, I WISH...
GOOD, YOU'RE FREE OF THE EVIL SPIRIT!
YEP!
C'MON! WE'LL RUN TOGETH-ER!

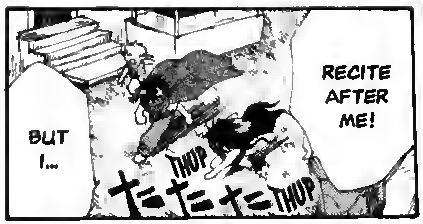
THUP
I WISH I HAD POWER TO FIGHT!
THUP
THUP
THUP

AND PURPOSE.
BWHOOF
ALL THINGS HAVE A REASON...

WHAT'S MY PURPOSE? WHY AM I HERE?
SORRY, BUT THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO!
HUFF
HUFF
Always runnin'!


THUD
CAMU?
WHERE'D YOU COME FROM,
AND YOU'VE GOT THE DRAGON!
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
GRR
YOU CAN LEARN TO USE MAGIC, TOO, IF YOU WANT.
THUD

WHAT?
YOU HAVE THE FLAME SPIRIT IN YOU.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT IT, BUT...


BUT I...
RECITE AFTER ME!
THUP
THUP

THE FLAME SPIRIT?
BWHOOF
!!
IT MUST'VE BEEN...

TRUST ME! DO AS I SAY!

GYAAAA
OH, WHATEVER!
SEED OF FIRE HIDDEN IN MY HEART...
JUST SAY IT!
BY THE POWER OF SARAMOOD, SPIRIT OF FLAME...
DAMN
SEED OF FIRE HIDDEN IN MY HEART...
BY THE POWER OF SARAMOOD, SPIRIT OF, UH, FLAME?
AWAKEN NOW!

?!!
CK!
!!
BA-DUM!

GRAAH
Bwaaar
RR...
I'M SCARED!
THEY WERE PARTYING EARLIER!
YEAH, I KNOW!
GRARGH
HUP
THUP
DON'T ATTACK! THEY'LL RETURN TO NORMAL ONCE THE EVIL'S GONE.
THUP
THUP
I BET THE BOOZE LOWERED THEIR RESISTANCE TO THE EVIL SPIRIT.
IF YOU HADN'T SPLASHED MY FACE, I'D BE LIKE THEM.
GRGH
WHIP

BLUSH
HEH HEH.
I GUESS I WAS USEFUL.

THANKS, EURO.

HE'S OKAY. HE'S WITH CAMU.
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M WORRIED.

I KINDA DITCHED HIM.
I'M A LITTLE WORRIED NOW.
I HOPE NAOTO IS OKAY.
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP

EURO.

WE CAN DO WITHOUT HIM.
BESIDES...

thup
LEVINAS,
YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH HIM JUST 'CUZ LUSIA SAID SO.
.....
I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM SO EASILY.
LUSIA SAID SO.
THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT ...
He looks like a wimp.
AND YOU AND I...
ARE FRIENDS BECAUSE LUSIA TOLD US TO BE.
OK.
THUP
THUP
THUP
LET'S GO!

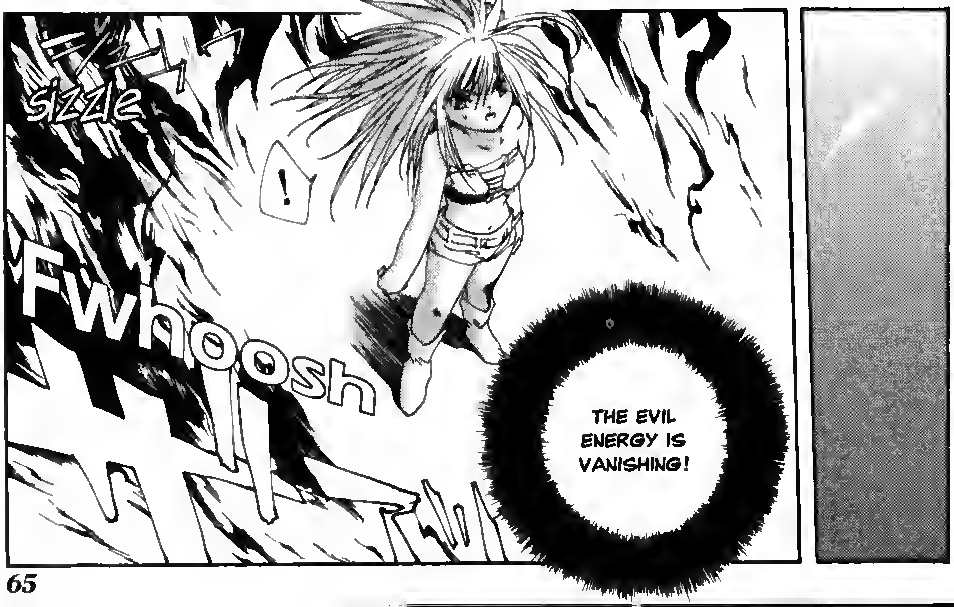
I CAN FEEL THE ENERGY WELLING UP INSIDE!
MY BODY IS GETTING HOTTER!
FEEL THE ENERGY WITHIN YOU!
AIM IT AT THE TARGET!
AM I COOL, OR WHAT?
IT FEELS INCRED-IBLE!!
RRRROAR
He's FINALLY acting like a hero!
DOH
BWHOO

HYAAA!
GO, FIRE BALL!!
BWF
B-BWHOOF
OOOO

GRR?
DEAD SILENCE
YOU HAVE NO TALENT.
!!
SHOCK
JUST RUN!
she sighed
SIGH
MISFIRE?!
FSHOO
GRRRRR
I'M NO GOOD AT ALL, AM I?
Damn!
HOLD ON!
DASH!
No-good boy.
no-good monster.

CHILD OF THE LUCAVIFATE. CURSED ONES. PATRONS OF CARNAGE!
BE ENGULFED IN THE BLACK FLAME THAT LIVES IN THY HEART!
I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO DEFEAT ME!!
NO!!

NAOTO IS WITH US NOW.
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, IN MY OLDEST MEMORY...
HE SAVED ME. THIS TIME, I'LL SAVE HIM!



BOOM
THOU HAST OVERCOME THE TRIAL.
RECITE AFTER ME.
THUP
THUP
THUP
HUH?
SUMMONED MONSTER-BOY! WATCH CLOSELY!
!
WHAT?!
THAT'S THE MAGIC TECHNIQUE YOU MESSED UP EARLIER.

SHE DID IT!
WOW!
scuff
WHAT THE?!

WOOOSH
What a hangover.
W...
WHAT?
UGH
THE EVIL SPIRIT'S BEEN PURGED. WE CAN RELAX NOW.
FWUMP
SIGH
?
HEY. HE'S BACK TO NORMAL.

LIKE I SAID,
THAT'S A SPELL YOU CAN MASTER, IF YOU WANT TO.
ROAR
THUP
THUP
.....
It was not a fire-ball.
PHEW

SHE SAVED YOU THIS TIME. BUT YOU CAN'T ALWAYS JUST RUN AWAY, BOY!
HEY, YOU'RE LUSIA'S SUMMONED MONSTER, SO SHAPE UP!
YOU HAVE TO FIGHT TO SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD.

I'VE GOTTA GET STRONGER.
ALL I DID WAS RUN AWAY... PITIFUL.

I...
I KNOW THAT!
BUT YOU'RE TOO ROUGH!

stare
.....
EEW
MOMMY
WHAT?
THANKS FOR SAVING ME!
MISTER?
. . . . . .
YOU...
YOU'RE WELCOME.
YOU CREATE SITUATIONS WHERE WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT!
HOW ABOUT ANOTHER DRINK?
HA
HA
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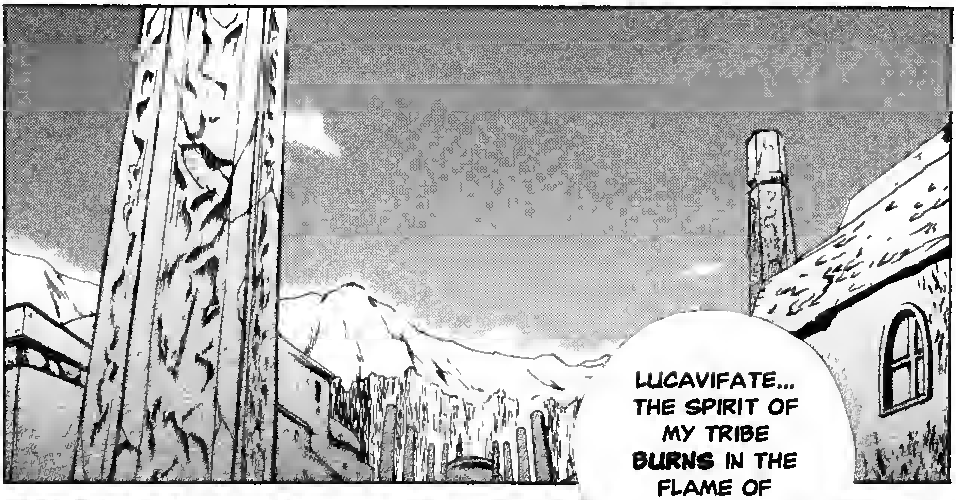
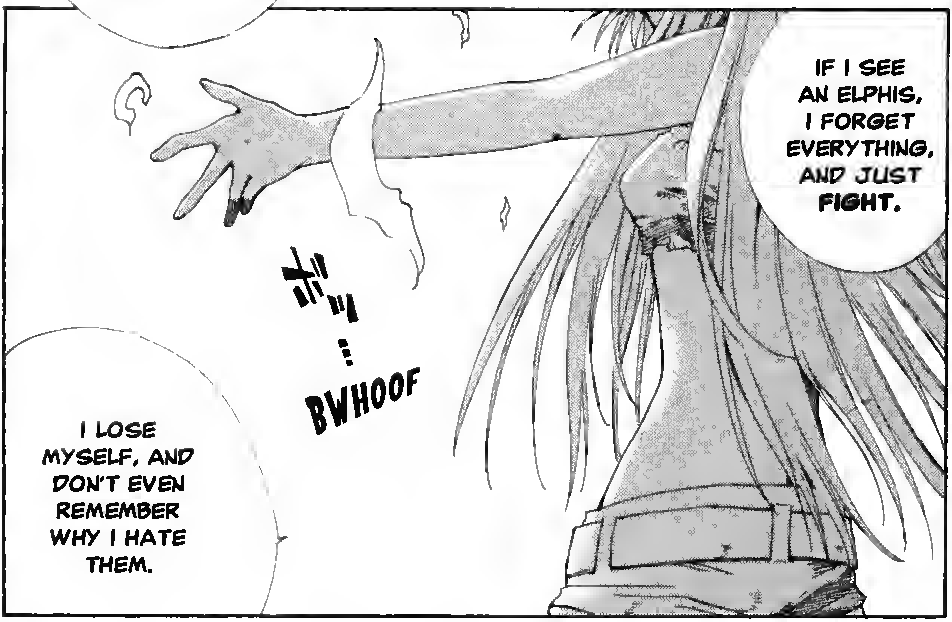
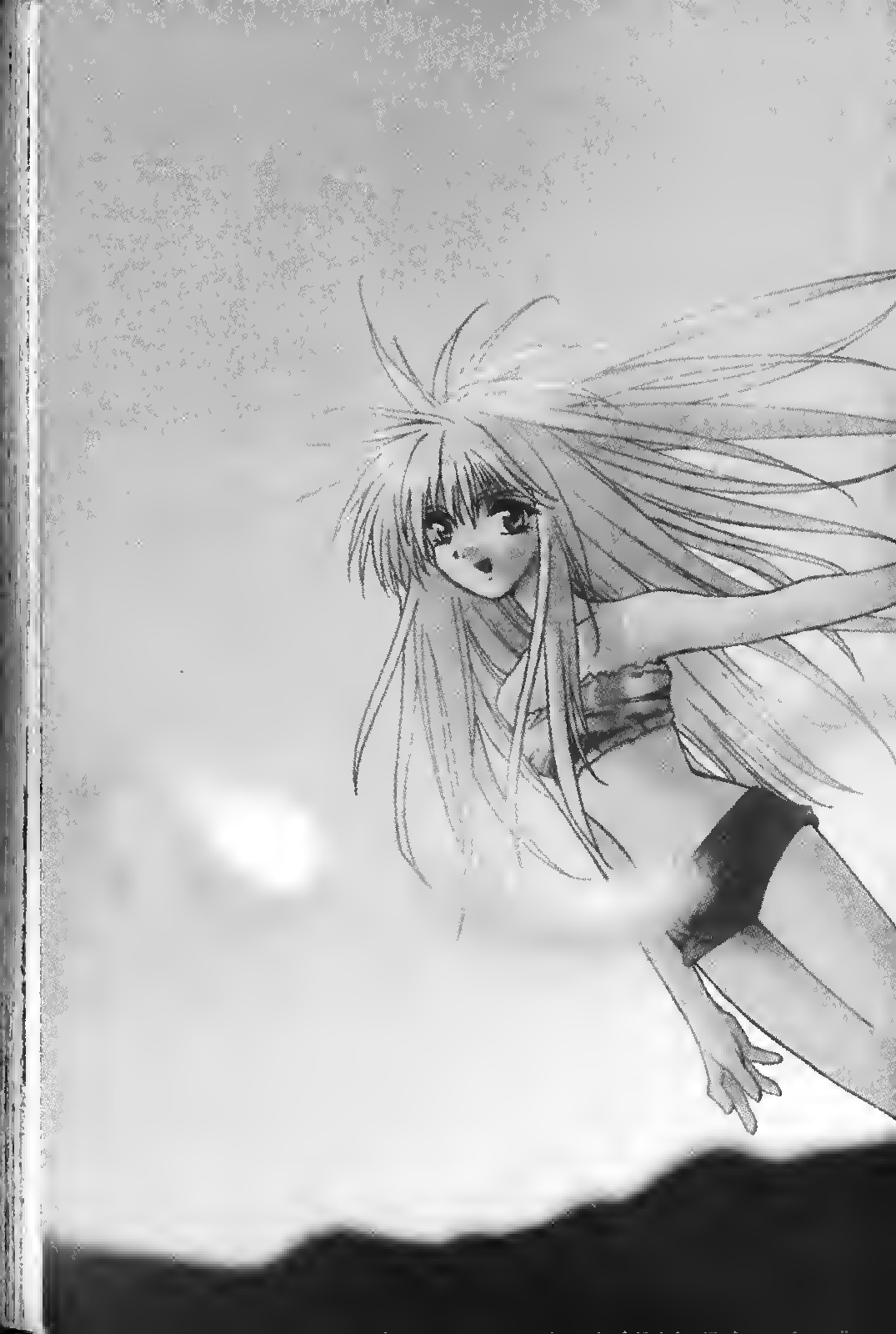
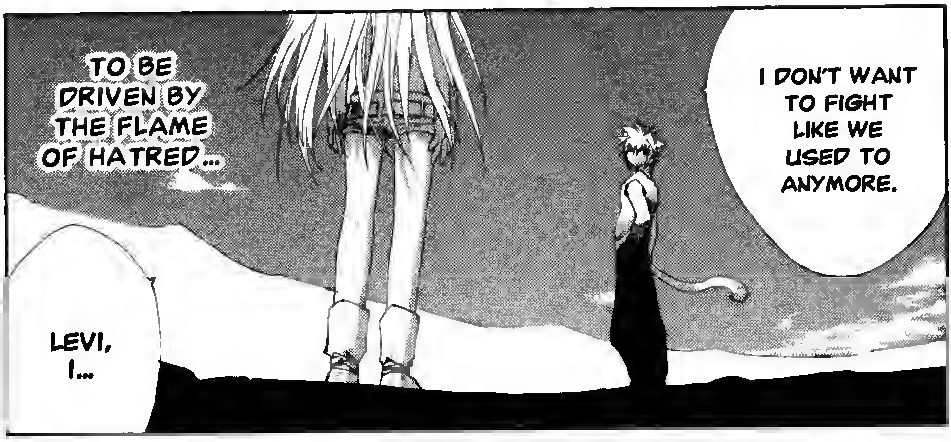

LUCAVIFATE... THE SPIRIT OF MY TRIBE BURNS IN THE FLAME OF HATRED.

I CAN'T CONTROL THE LUCAVIFATE BLOOD THAT FLOWS WITHIN ME.

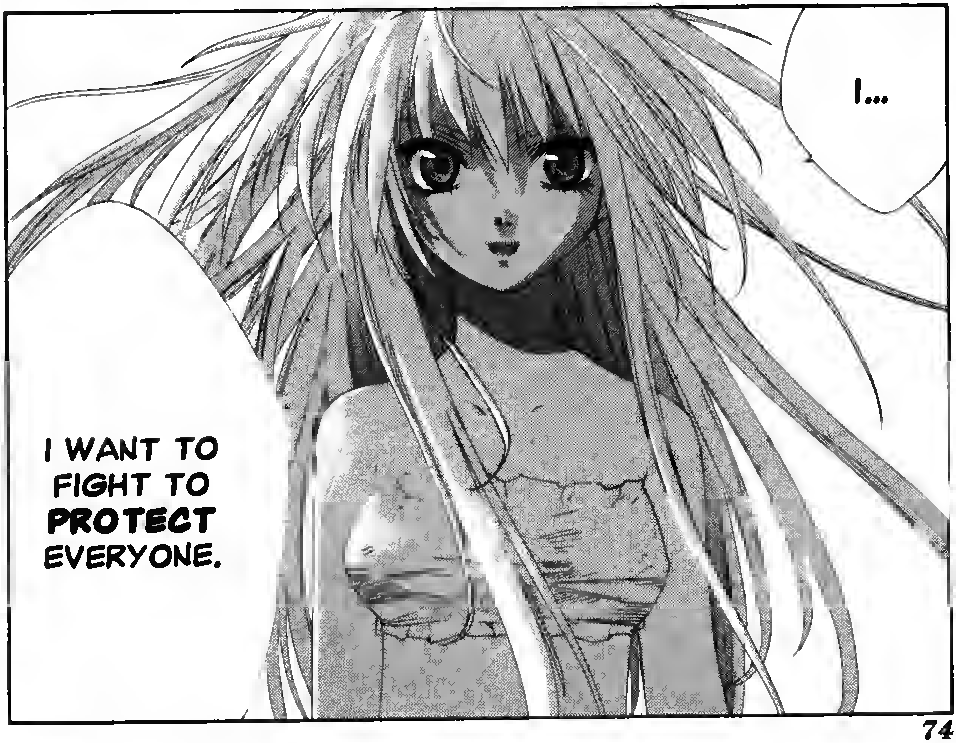

IF I SEE AN ELPHIS, I FORGET EVERYTHING, AND JUST FIGHT.
BWHOOF
I LOSE MYSELF, AND DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHY I HATE THEM.

#8 FIREBALL




TO BE DRIVEN BY THE FLAME OF HATRED...
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT LIKE WE USED TO ANYMORE.
LEVI, I...

I'VE SEEN IT, SO I KNOW.
IT'S SO PAINFUL.
UMM


I...
I WANT TO FIGHT TO PROTECT EVERYONE.

From the darkness...
LEVI?
I...
YEAH?
I'M GONNA BE...
ALRIGHT, RIGHT?
into the light.
NOW, I'LL LOOK FOR WAYS TO FIGHT WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE LUCAVIFATE.
I'VE GOT THE FLAME SPIRIT, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.

I'LL ACCEPT NAOTO AS THE ONE WHO WILL GUIDE LUSIA.
GOOD, GOOD
SURE! YOU'LL BE FINE!
PAT PAT
UCH
SCUFF
I, LEVINAS, PLEDGE MY ALLEGIANCE TO YOU...
LUSIA, I WILL FOLLOW YOU AND PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT.

FOR AS
LONG AS
I LIVE.

CARCH
UCH
...

AAAH
grab
UGH
HUFF
WHERE AM I? A DREAM? REALITY?
HUFF
HOT...!!
VWORRR
IT'S BURNING!!!
AAAH
FWWSH
!!

ARGH
THUD
WAAUGH!
HUFF
HUFF
bang
bang
bang
A HALLUCINATION?
HUFF
C-
CAMU,
I'M IN ORGOS?!
GET ME SOME WATER.
SHUT UP, MORON!
SLAM
HUFF
HUFF
DRIP
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY BODY?

I'm in no condition to fight Canu.
.....
ARGH
...
NO REPLY
EH?
IT'S STILL EARLY, SO JUST BE QUIET!
ヒュン
WHIP
TWITCH
IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT LUSIA WENT THROUGH YESTERDAY, ISN'T IT?
?
HMM. YOU REALLY ARE IN A LOT OF PAIN.
IT PROVES THAT YOUR BODY AND LUSIA'S BODY ARE CONNECTED.
THERE'S A TIME DELAY, I THINK. IT WILL EVENTUALLY GO AWAY.

SHE'S ENDURED A LOT OF PAIN TO GET THE POWER OF SARAMOOD.
WHY DO I HAVE TO SUFFER, THEN?
BECAUSE YOU'RE HER SUMMONED MONSTER.
HUFF HUFF
はあはあ
???
MORON!
THE FEVER GOT TO YOU.
HUH.
WHEEZE
I...
DON'T GET IT.
NO, I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND IT!
AND DON'T CALL ME A MORON!!
WHY SHOULD A SUMMONED MONSTER HAVE TO SHARE PAIN?!
YOUR CASE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. BECAUSE LUSIA DID SOMETHING STRANGE.
BEFORE, YOU WERE JUST A SPIRIT, BUT LUSIA'S MAGIC GAVE YOU A PHYSICAL FORM.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT BODY IS MADE OF?!

MY BODY?
BA-DUMP
SO YOUR POWER AND LUSIA'S POWER COME FROM THE SAME SOURCE.
IT'S MADE UP OF HER MAGIC.
UH, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
MORON!

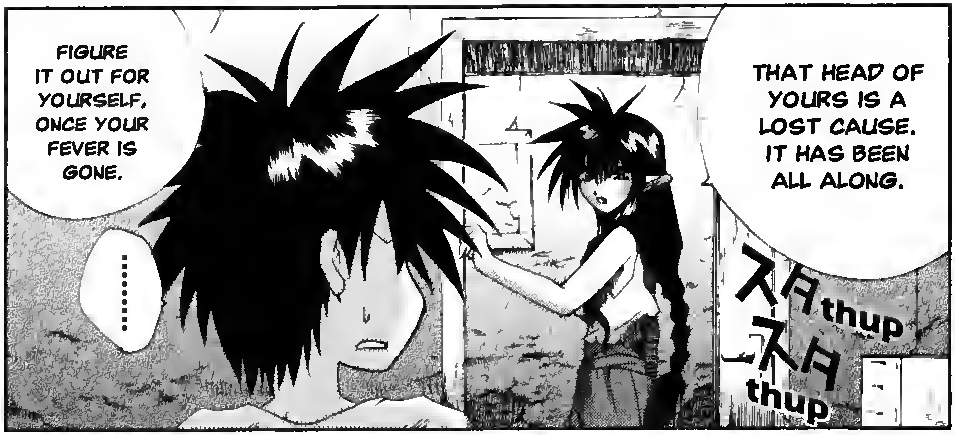
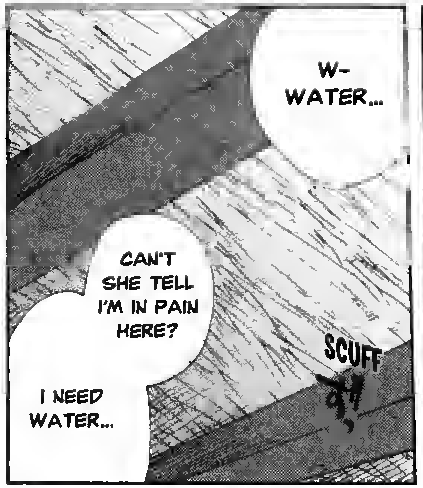


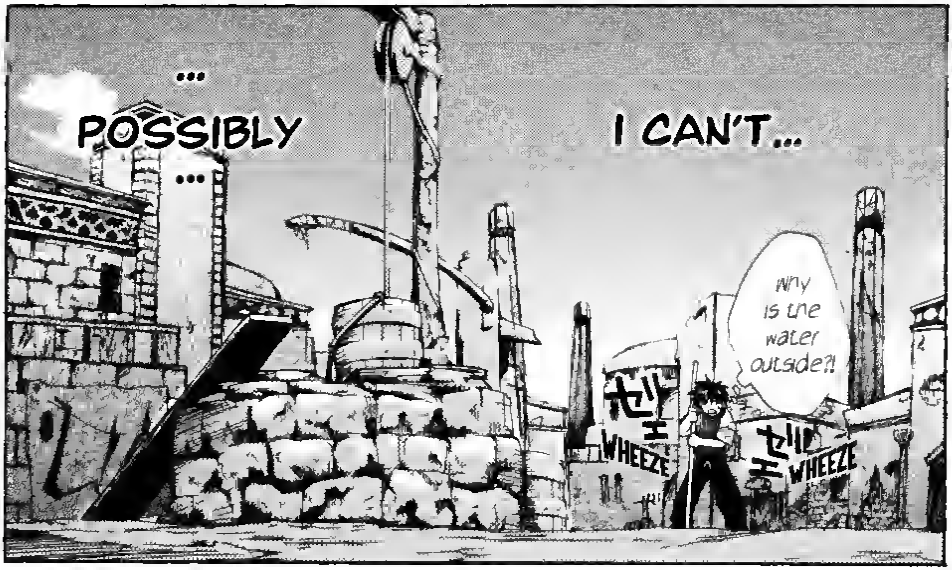
FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF, ONCE YOUR FEVER IS GONE.
.....
THAT HEAD OF YOURS IS A LOST CAUSE. IT HAS BEEN ALL ALONG.
スタ thup
スタ thup

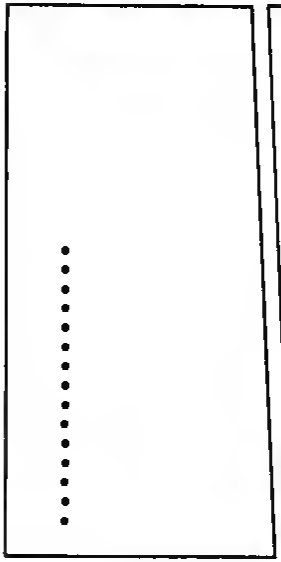
WHIP
ヒュン
BE SURE NOT TO MAKE ANY NOISE!
AND...

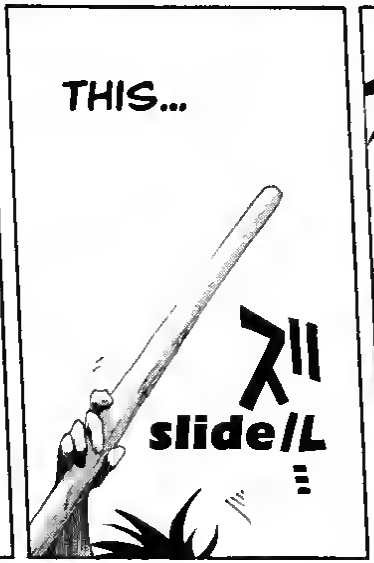

W-WATER...
CAN'T SHE TELL I'M IN PAIN HERE?
I NEED WATER...
SCUFF

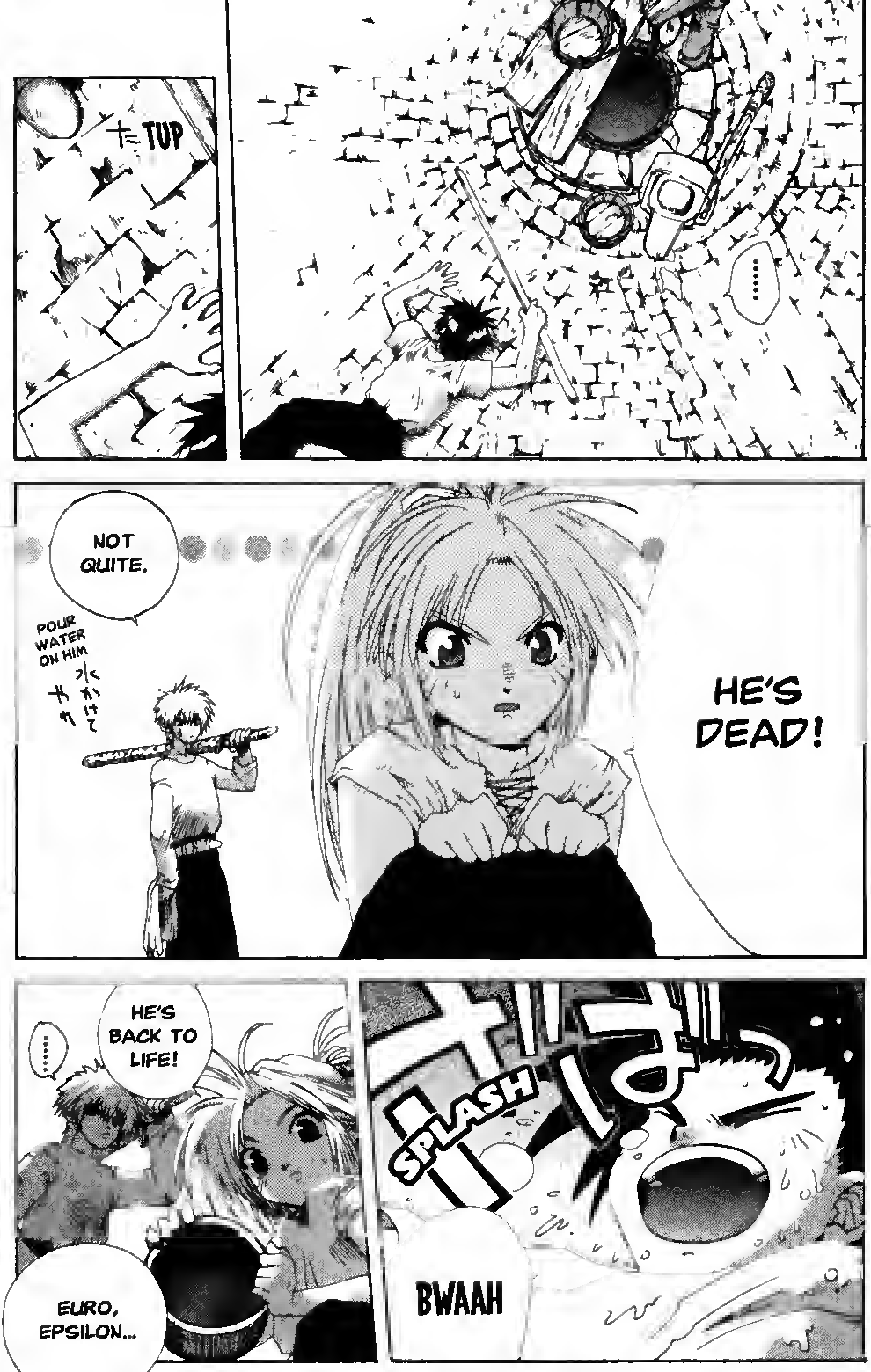
ばたん SLAM...
.....

LUSIA HAD THE SAME PAIN LAST NIGHT?

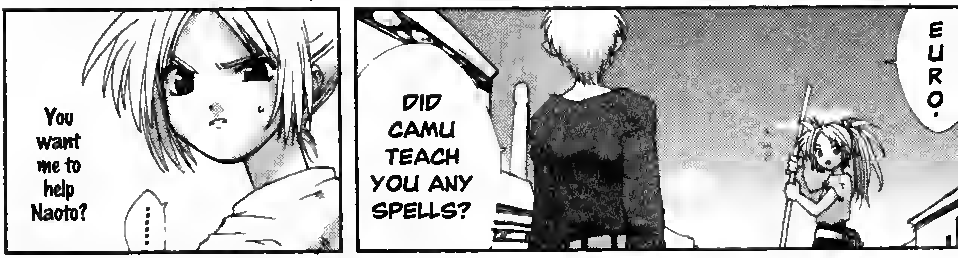


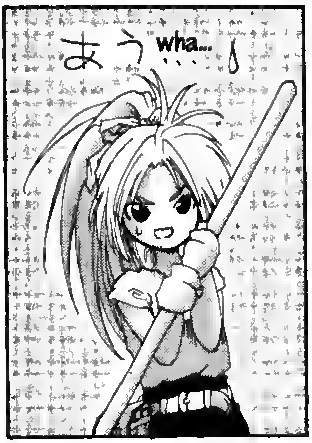




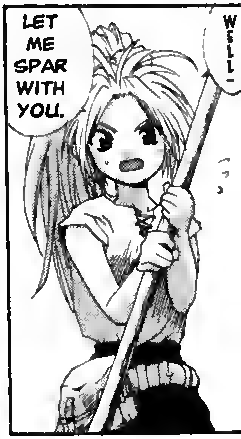

TUP
.....
NOT QUITE.
POUR WATER ON HIM
かけて
HE'S DEAD!
HE'S BACK TO LIFE!
.....
EURO, EPSILON...
SPLASH
BWAAH

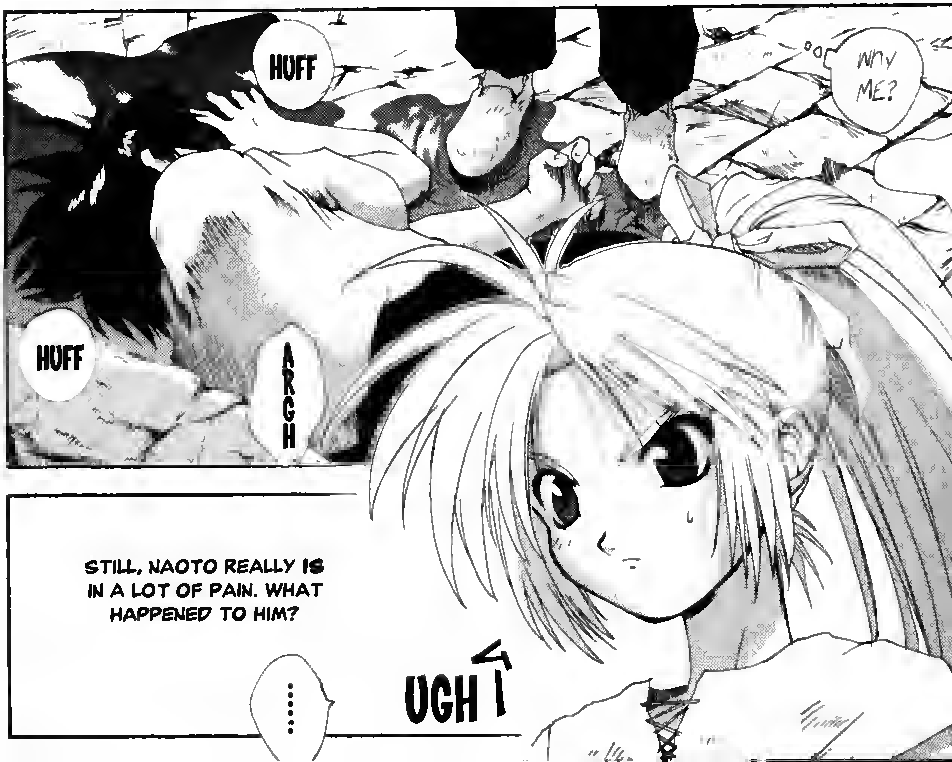
splash
splash
Fwwp
SLIDE スル：
……


You want me to help Naoto?
DID CAMU TEACH YOU ANY SPELLS?
EURO.


あう wha...

Euro can sword fight?
TAKE CARE OF NAOTO FIRST.


LET ME SPAR WITH YOU.
WELL-


HUFF
HUFF
ARGH
WHY ME?
STILL, NAOTO REALLY IS IN A LOT OF PAIN. WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
.....
UGH!

SEND THE FEVER WITHIN NAOTO BEYOND THE DARKNESS!
SHEROOT. WIND SPIRIT WITHIN THIS GREEN CRYSTAL BALL.
I need a healing spell for fever.
Camu gave me something for it.
RUSTLE
しーん
dead silence
WHAT?
GOOD MORNING! WHAT'CHA DOIN?
YO, LUSIA, LEVINAS!
HEY!
UGH
WHAT DARKNESS?

NOT QUITE!
NO! NAOTO IS DEAD!

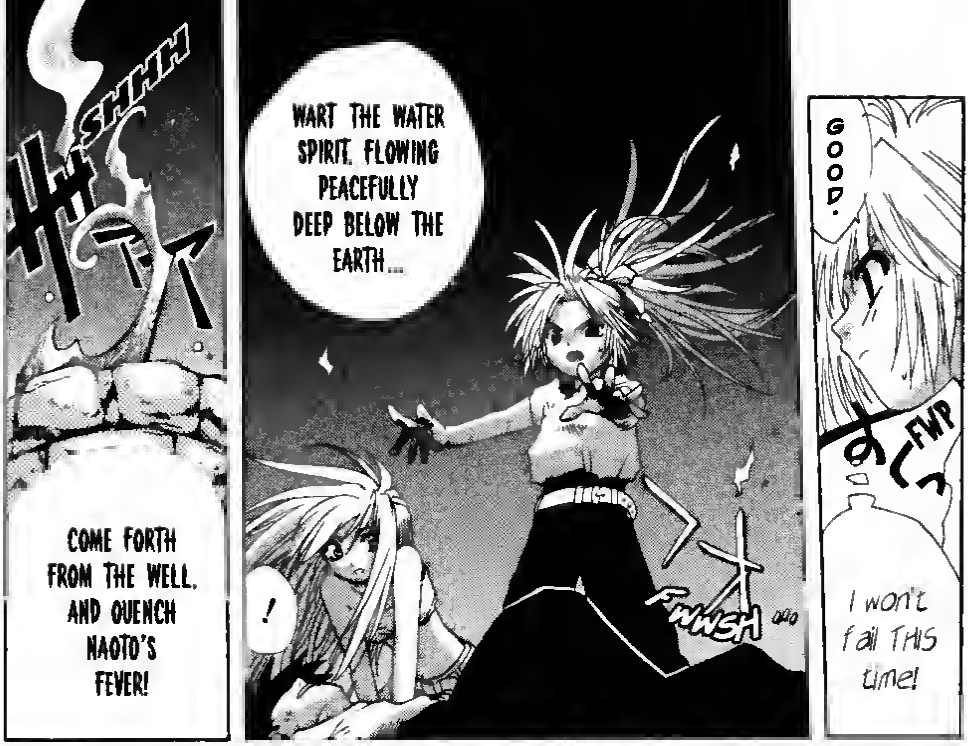
The same as Lusia's ...

NOD
I CAUSED NAOTO'S PAIN.

NAOTO!
THE FEVER'S INCREDIBLY HIGH...
ARGH

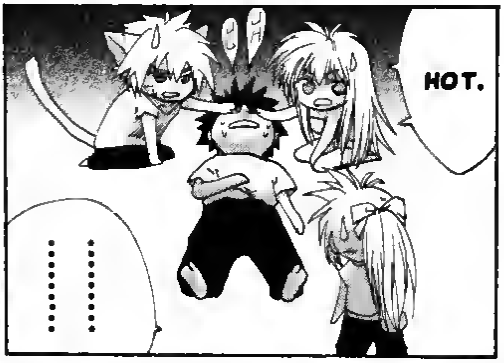
AGAIN ...
I'LL HANDLE IT!

LUSIA!


SHHH
COME FORTH FROM THE WELL, AND QUENCH NAOTO'S FEVER!
WART THE WATER SPIRIT, FLOWING PEACEFULLY DEEP BELOW THE EARTH...
!
FWISH
GOOD.
FWP
I won't fail THIS time!

I'M SURE IT WORKED THIS TIME!
WELL, HOW IS HE?
HOW'S THAT?!

WHAT DO WE DO?
SLUMP
Umm...


HOT.
.....

LET'S TAKE HIM!
YEAH! I'M SURE CAMU CAN SAVE HIM!
I'm not sure about that
!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE HIM TO CAMU?
.....
WANT TO LEARN SWORD FIGHTING?
YEAH.
.....

THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THEY'VE ARRIVED.

SLAM
CAMU!
DO SOMETHING!

sigh
WELL, I GUESS I COULD HELP HIM.

BOW
FINE. PLEASE DO SOMETHING!
How obedient

IS THAT HOW YOU ASK FOR A FAVOR?

IT WAS STUPID OF HIM TO GO OUTSIDE!
HE SHOULD'VE STAYED IN HIS ROOM.
DO SOME-THING. HE'S IN PAIN!
NAOTO!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
THUD
HE IS JUST SO...
PITIFUL!
THIS FEVER COMES FROM SARAMOOD.
LUSIA, YOU ARE AWARE NAOTO HAS THE SEED OF SARAMOOD'S FLAME IN HIM, CORRECT?
IT'LL TAKE SOME SERIOUS MAGIC.
nod
コクン

I'M SO SORRY, NAOTO.
HOW CAN I...
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SUMMONING NAOTO TO THIS WORLD...
MEANT I'D BE FORCING HIM TO SHARE IN MY SUFFERING.
I WILL REMOVE THE CAUSE OF HIS FEVER, THE SEED OF SARAMOOD,
SWSH
WHICH WILL ATTACH ITSELF TO THIS KNIFE.
IT'S BEEN ONLY ONE DAY SINCE NAOTO GOT IT, SO IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN ROOT. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE IT OUT.
UH ...
NAOTO CAN'T HANDLE.
Magic stuff sells at a good price.
IT ISN'T SOMETHING

The best way is probably to sever the thread that ties Lusia and Naoto.

LET'S BEGIN.
I CAN'T HAVE THAT.
THAT MEANS NAOTO WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD.

SARAMOOD. SPIRIT OF FLAME.
HE WHO LIVES WITHIN NAOTO. FIERY SEED OF THE FLAME.
LEAVE THIS BODY, AND APPEAR BEFORE ME.

BA-
DUMP
BWHOOF
BA-
DUMP
WSH
blink
!

EH?
I'M SO GLAD!
NAOTO!
YOU'RE AWAKE.
?
!!
fwup
I'll buy a new dress.
NOW, I'LL TRANSFER IT TO THE KNIFE.
HEY!
waver
waver
NAOTO?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHILE I WAS ASLEEP?

BONK!
Gargn!!
YOU WEREN'T ASLEEP! YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS!
ADVICE?
One day, I'll...
ARGH...
FSHOOO
That must've hurt.
scary
Go back to sleep!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR IGNORING MY ADVICE AND GOING OUTSIDE!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN BED, IDIOT!
YOU SAID, "BE SURE TO BE QUIET!"
YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE SPECIFIC!
and gentler --
SHADDUP! MORON!

THAT'S IT!
NOW BE QUIET!
I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU TO FEEL BETTER.
HEAAA!
FWUP
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ACTING LIKE THAT?!
CHOMP
AH!

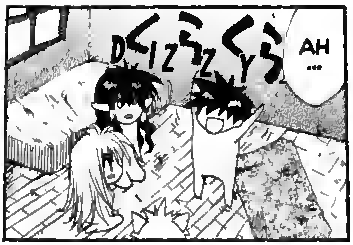
GULP
!!!
THEN I CAN HANDLE IT, TOO.
HUFF. IT'S WHAT LUSIA HAD A TASTE OF YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
SIGH
HUH?
He ate it?!
YOU MORON! THAT WAS HARD TO GET OUT!
I WILL HANDLE IT!
flush

NAOTO.
.....
HUFF
HUFF
SLUMP
I-I CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY.
AND ONCE I LEARN SOME MAGIC,
I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT SOME.
HUFF
DRIPP
MORON!
GRAB
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
DON'T BE SO NAIVE!
ARCH
A GUY LIKE YOU COULD NEVER USE MAGIC.
GRAB
WH...
STOP TALKING ABOUT THINGS YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!

GRR
I...
I...
HISSED
IDIOT!
"CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY"? EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
FWUP!!
IK-CHAK
!
EVEN I CAN HANDLE A FIREBALL.
WHOA!
HOT!
FWUP
BWHOOF
!!
THUD!!

MINE AND LUSIA'S POWER COME FROM THE SAME SOURCE, AND THAT MEANS...

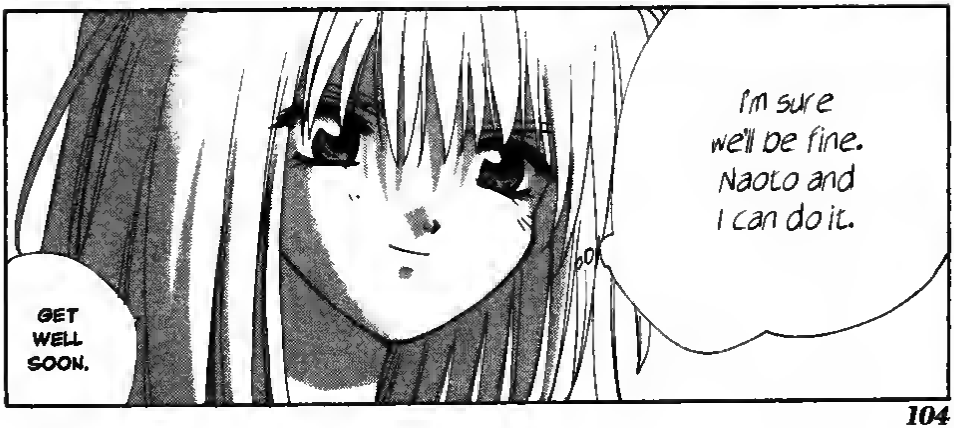
I UNDERSTAND.



I CAN USE ANY MAGIC LUSIA LEARNS TO USE!

IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARING LUSIA'S PAIN, I GET TO BE STRONGER.

NOT BAD.



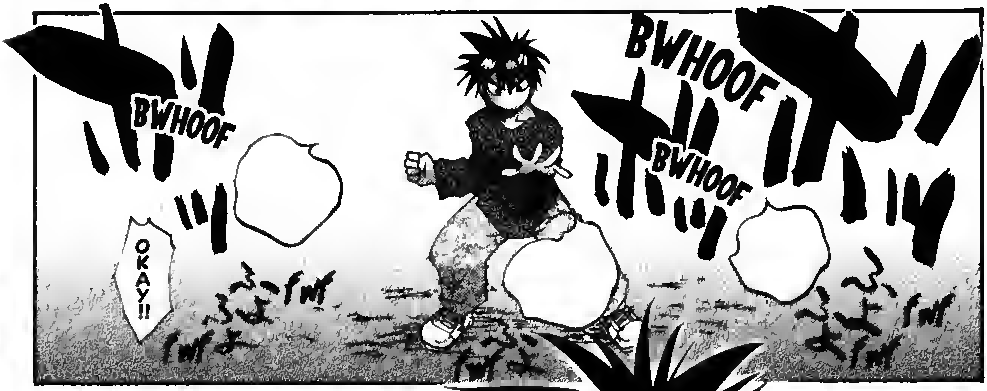
#9 Naoto's Power

SIGH.
WHAT CAN I DO TO BE MORE USEFUL TO EVERYONE?
I'M SUCH A WEAK-LING. ALL I'M DOING HERE IN DESERT CORAL IS...
GROWL!

I wish I could ...
.....
.....
GRONL
BEING A BURDEN TO EVERY-ONE.
AH HA HA! ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU.
THUP
THANKS ♪
I'LL AT LEAST DO A GOOD JOB WITH THE CHORES.
ALL RIGHT! I'M GONNA DO MY BEST!
FWOOSH
GROWL!
!
WHAT ELSE SHOULD I BUY?

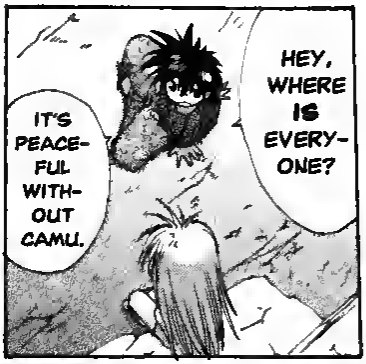
!!
WH-
WHAT?
LOOM
HEY,
YOU'RE...!!

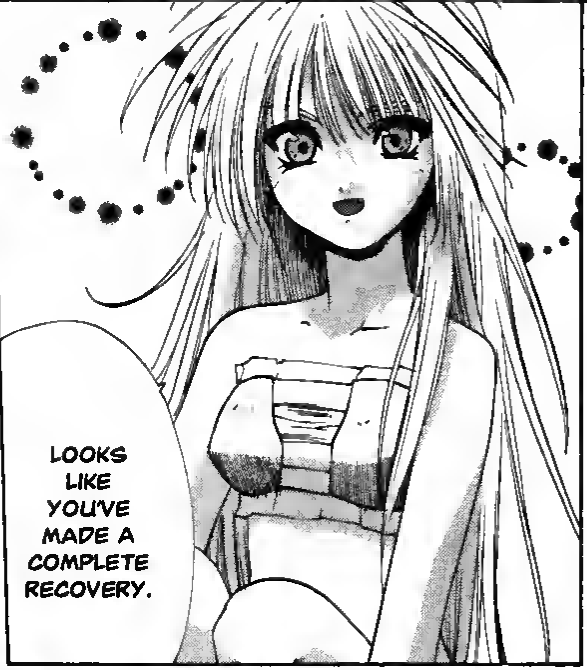
GRRR
FIREBALL!
FIREBALL!!
FIREBALL!!!

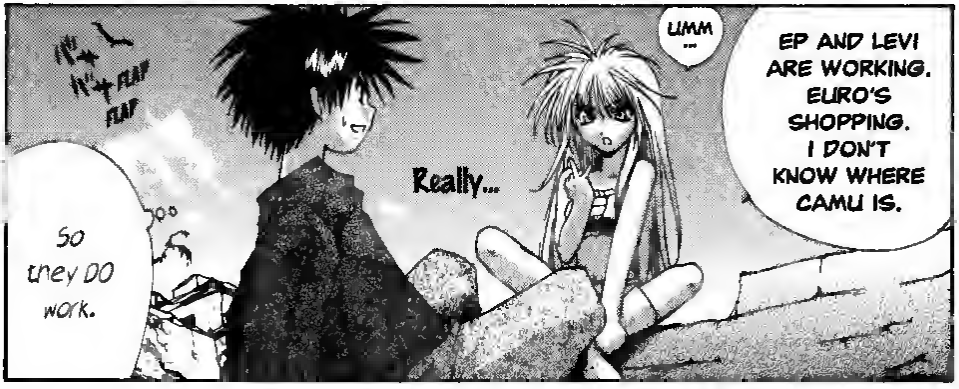

BWHOOF
BWHOOF
BWHOOF
OKAY!!

USELESS!!
しおしおしお〜
DEJECTED
敗
failure
NOW JOIN INTO ONE!!
CLENCH

Should I ask Camu?
Need more training...
You got
Nah.
Jungle


HEY, WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?
IT'S PEACE-FUL WITH-OUT CAMU.


LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE A COMPLETE RECOVERY.


FLAP FLAP
So they DO work.
Really...
UMM...
EP AND LEVI ARE WORKING. EURO'S SHOPPING. I DON'T KNOW WHERE CAMU IS.

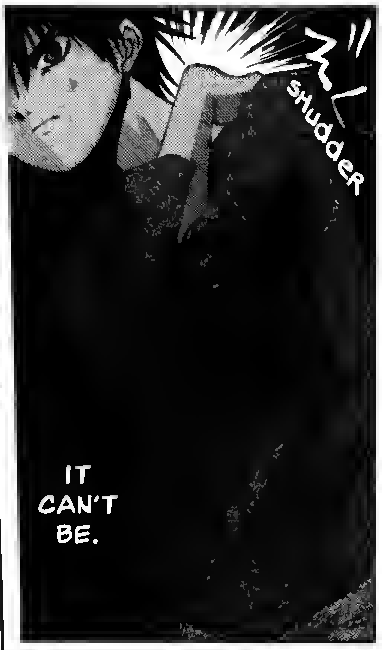
GROWL
YOU CAN UNDER-STAND IT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

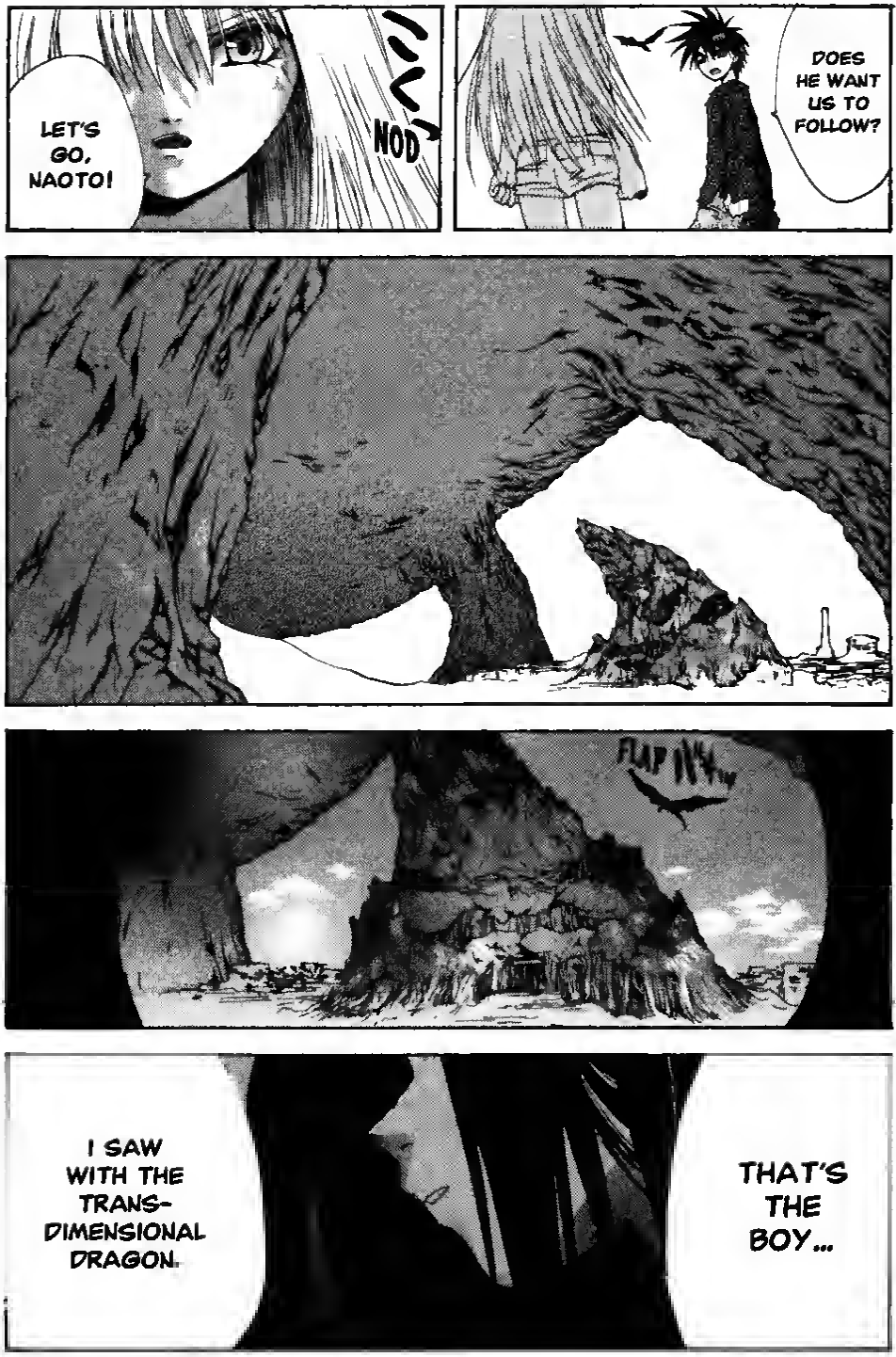
GROWL
A DRAGON.

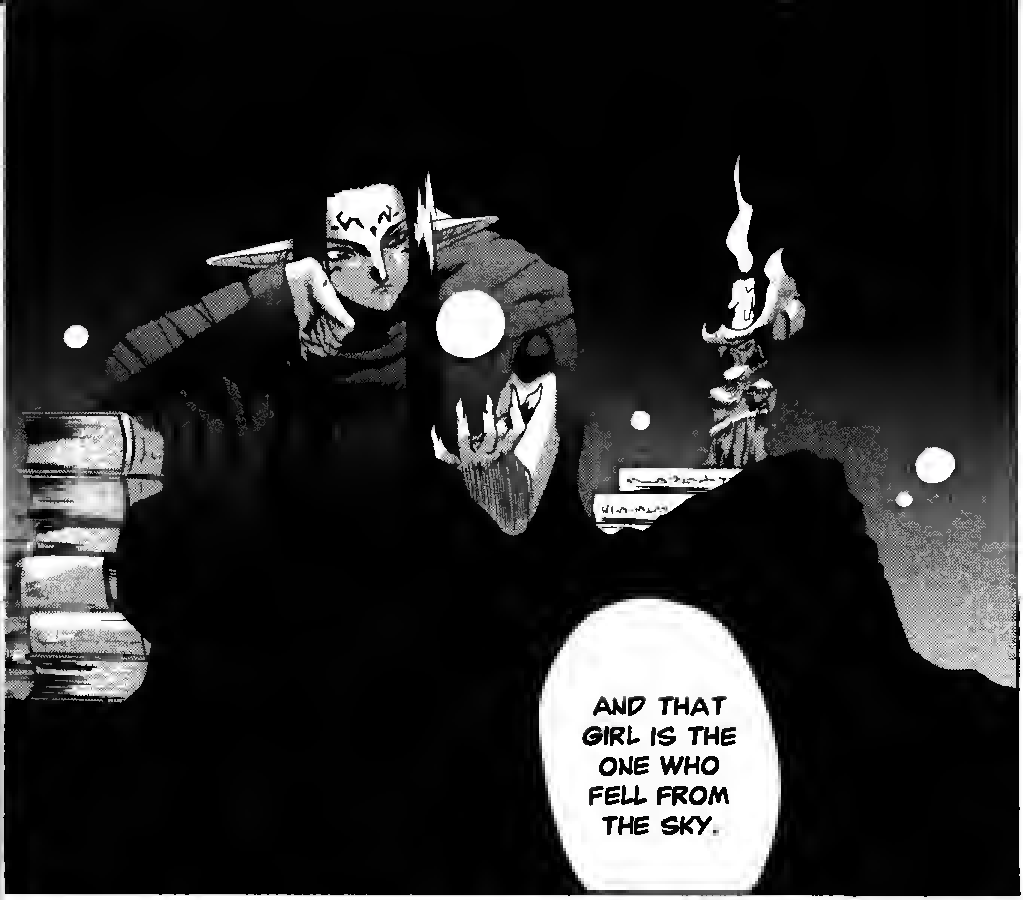
NAOTO! THIS IS HORRIBLE! SOMEONE KIDNAPPED EURO!!

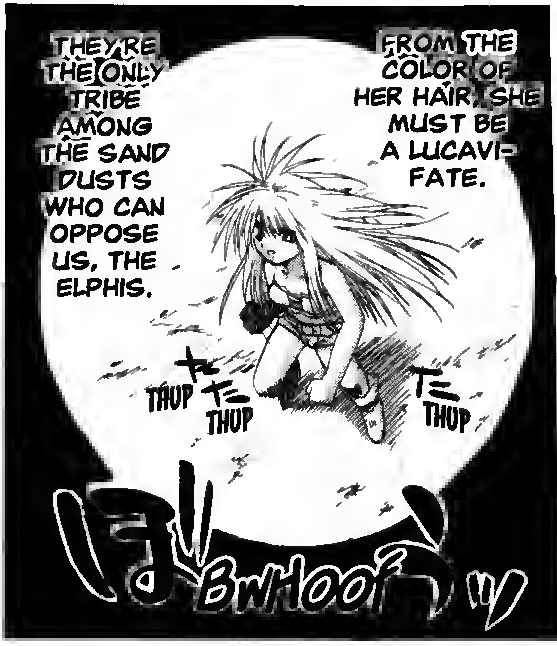
GROWL
FWUP
!

EURO ?!


SHUDDER
IT CAN'T BE.

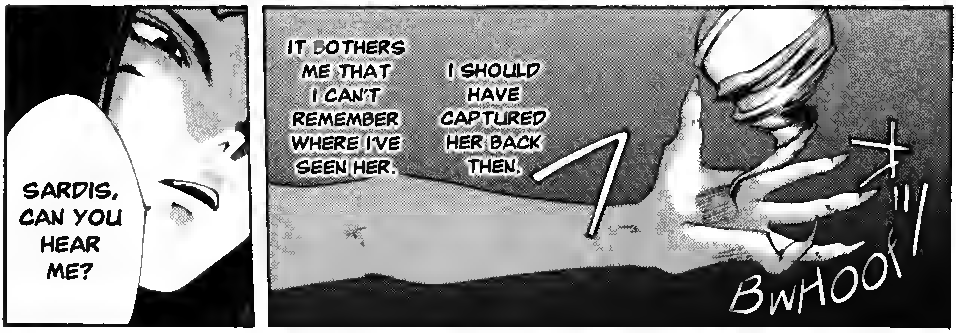

LET'S GO, NAOTO!
NOD
DOES HE WANT US TO FOLLOW?
FLAP FLAP
I SAW WITH THE TRANS-DIMENSIONAL DRAGON.
THAT'S THE BOY...

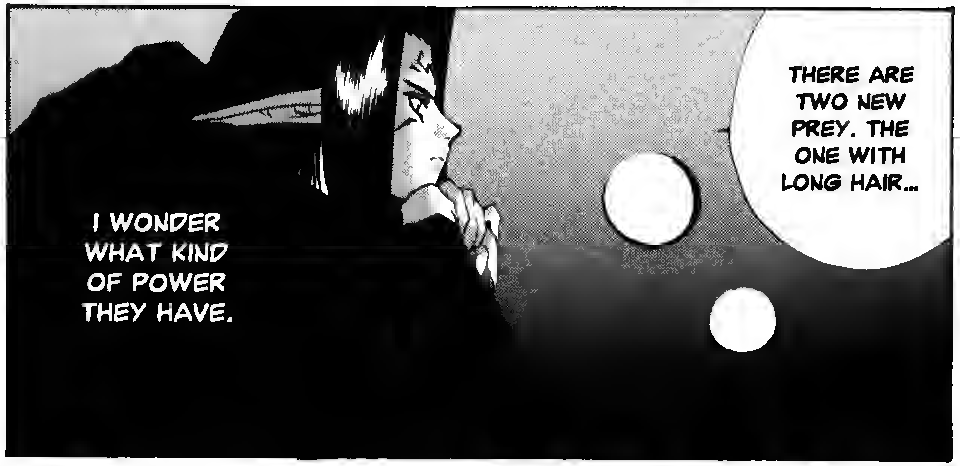

AND THAT GIRL IS THE ONE WHO FELL FROM THE SKY.

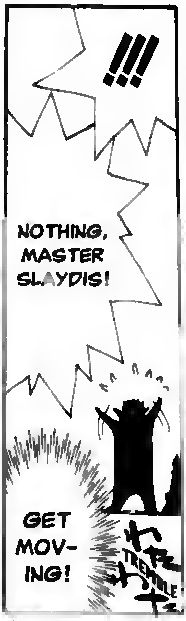

THEY'RE THE ONLY TRIBE AMONG THE SAND DUSTS WHO CAN OPPOSE US, THE ELPHIS.
FROM THE COLOR OF HER HAIR, SHE MUST BE A LUCAVI-FATE.
THUP
THUP
THUP
BWOOF

HMM...
I REMEMBER SEEING HER BEFORE THAT, NOT TOO LONG AGO. BUT WHERE?

THEY'RE RANKED 3A...
HMPH...
HERE IT IS. LUCAVI-FATE.
BWHOOF
flip
flip
THEY HAVE SILVER HAIR WITH RED TINT, AND AN ATTRACTIVE PHYSIQUE.
THEY POSSESS EXTRAORDINARY MAGICAL POWER, BUT IT'S LATENT UNTIL THEY ARE TEN YEARS OLD.
BEFORE THAT TIME, THEY ARE QUIET AND DOCILE IT IS RECOMMENDED TO DISPOSE OF THEM BEFORE THEN.

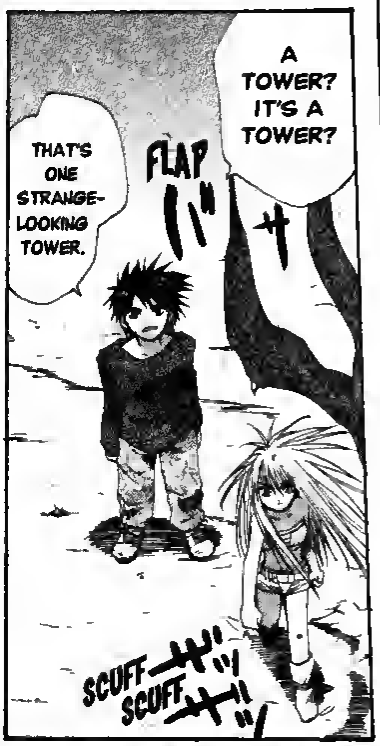

SARDIS, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IT BOTHERS ME THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I'VE SEEN HER.
I SHOULD HAVE CAPTURED HER BACK THEN.
BWHOOF!!


I WONDER WHAT KIND OF POWER THEY HAVE.
THERE ARE TWO NEW PREY. THE ONE WITH LONG HAIR...


!!!
NOTHING, MASTER SLAYDIS!
GET MOV-ING!

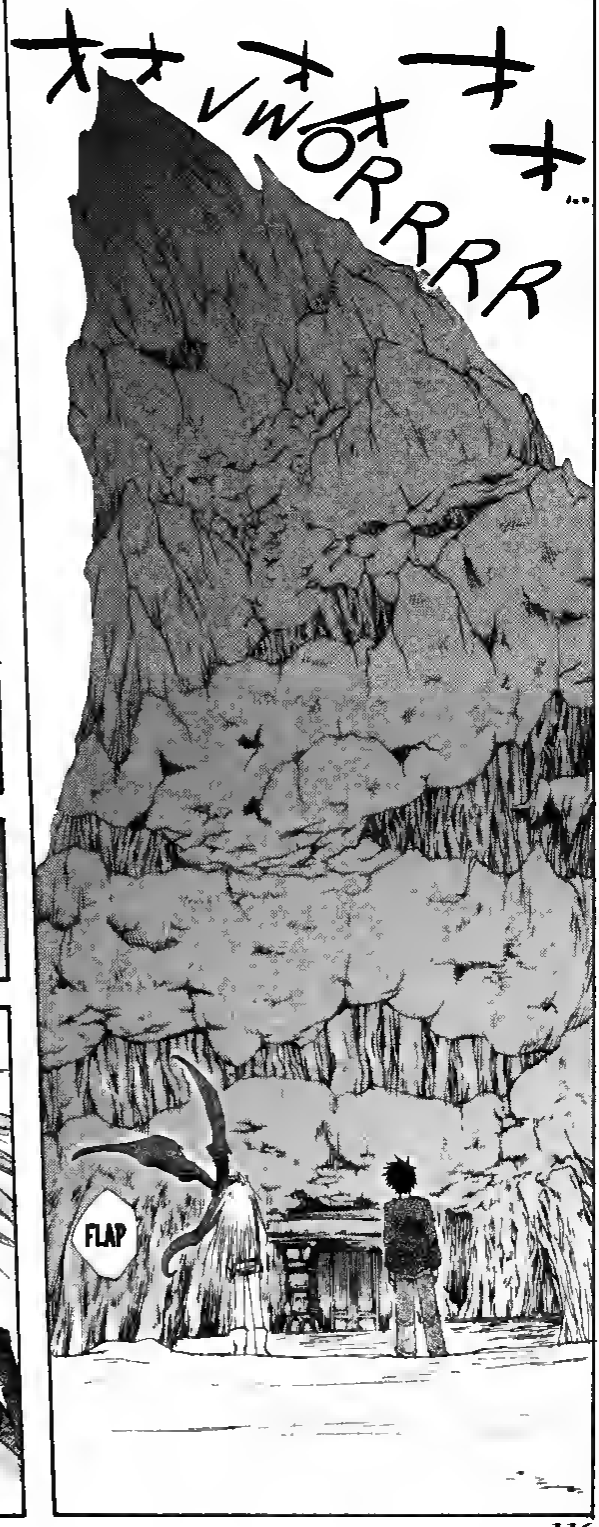
MUMBLE
DAMN. THAT SLAYDIS IS A SLAVE DRIVER.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T KILL HER.
.....


A TOWER? IT'S A TOWER?
THAT'S ONE STRANGE-LOOKING TOWER.
FLAP
SCUFF SCUFF

IT'S ELPHIS.
THIS FEELING
MUTTER MUTTER

WE'LL BE OKAY. LUSIA IS STRONGER THAN THE ELPHIS.


VWORRRR
FLAP

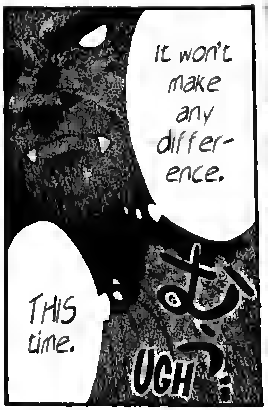
FWA
?!!
ROAR
WHY'D IT GET SO DARK?!
!!!
ah
CREEP
ズズ
ooo

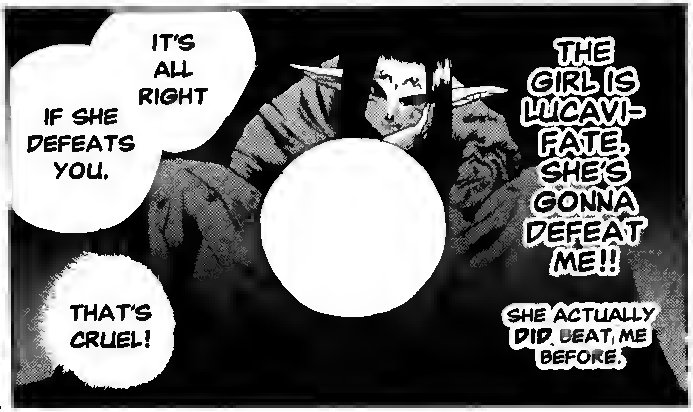
KWOOOM
WORTHLESS MAGGOTS! WHAT DO YOU WANT IN MY CASTLE?!
ROAR

?
YOU WERE...

You're not as dg.
I REMEMBER YOU!

SO?
THIS IS BAD! THIS IS BAD!
MASTER SLAYDIS!! MASTER SLAYDIS!!


It won't make any differ-ence.
THIS time.
UGH


IT'S ALL RIGHT
IF SHE DEFEATS YOU.
THAT'S CRUEL!
THE GIRL IS LUCAVI-FATE. SHE'S GONNA DEFEAT ME!!
SHE ACTUALLY DID BEAT ME BEFORE.

HMM. HOW UNFORTUNATE FOR YOU SAND DUSTS TO ENCOUNTER ME, MASTER SARDIS, TWICE!
SO EVEN IF YOU DEFEAT ME, IT WON'T CAUSE ANY DAMAGE.
HEH HEH HEH... BECAUSE IT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME. THIS ILLUSION OF ME IS NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO MY REAL BODY.

Listen to my duff!
GWAAA
YOU CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD LAST TIME, BUT THIS TIME I'M READY!!
PREPARE YOURSELF!
SHRUSH
HIS ARM!
WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT. I CAN CONTROL THE POWER OF THE LUCAVIFATE WITH MY WILL. I WILL FIGHT USING THE FLAME MAGIC!!

I CAN HANDLE THIS BY MYSELF!
NAOTO, I THINK EURO IS IN THAT TOWER.
HMM. I DON'T NEED TO DEAL WITH THE OTHER ONE. HE'LL BE EATEN BY MY EVIL MINIONS.
EAT THIS!
tamp
tamp
tamp
YOU STAY WITH NAOTO.
OKAY!
GRR
ZROSH
HYAA!
BARRIER!

I STILL...
!!
HYAA
CAN'T HANDLE THE MAGIC YET!!
THUD

UGH
BAAM
VWOOSH
DAMN!
OOOH
EAT THIS!
!!
baNOMP
!
FWAM
FIRE-BALL!!

WAM!
ヤーン!
HMPH!!

BWA HA HA HA HA! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT AS SPIRITED AS BEFORE!!
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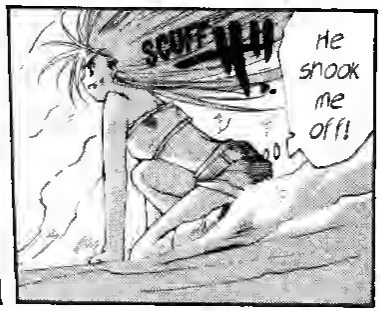
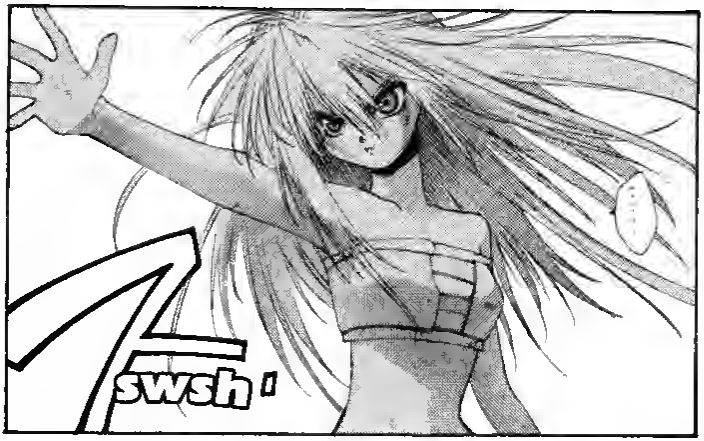
SHOOOMうう


SCUFF
He snook me off!


swsh!

BWA HA HA HA HA
HA HA
BWA HA
I'LL WIN!
Now for an Attack Spell!!

WHAT DO I DO?
forgot the spell.

I GOT OUT OF THE CELL, BUT NOW WHAT?
DASH
HUFF
THP
THP
HUFF
THP
HUFF
THP
THP
SWSH
HIGRR
EEK!

thup
thup
I CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY ALL THE TIME!
CLENCH
NO WAY I'LL BE A SLAVE TO THE ELPHIS!
HERE IS ONE WHO WISHES TO BE THY CAPTIVE!
FWOOOM
Hope this works on monsters.
GRRR
WHIRL
thup
O ANCIENT SPIRIT ...
OF THE WINE BOTTLE!
BY THY INCREDIBLE POWER,
VWOOORR
INVITE MINE ENEMY INTO THY WORLD OF GHOSTLY ILLUSION!

SCUFF
SHOOM
WAAA!
I SEE. THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE OF THEM!!
DAMN!
ぽゎ pwhoof ゎ
IT WORK-ED!
Camu forgot "mine enemy."
I'M FALLING!!
klunk
THUD
UGH!

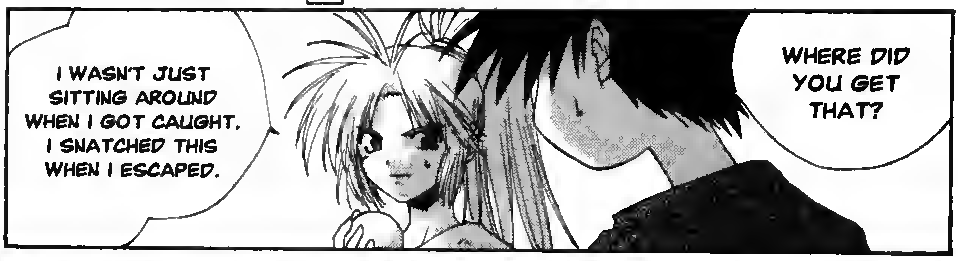
THE MAGIC ROCK I GOT EARLIER. IF I COULD SMASH IT...
WAAA
FWIP
GRARR
!
I DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO SMASH THIS ROCK.
SNIFFLE
I'M DONE FOR.

GRR
FLAP
THUP
GRRR
SCRUR
CYAA?!
EURO. THIS WAY!!
?!
RUN!!
dash
CRR
CRAB
NAOTO?
WHY'RE YOU HERE?!
HURRY! RUN!

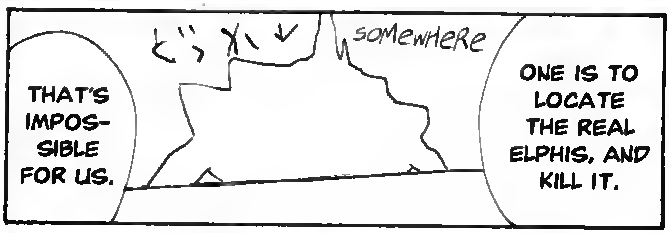
FWSH
WHAT THE?!
WHY THE HECK ARE YOU HERE, NAOTO?!
THMP
THMP
THMP
WHAT
I...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO RESCUE ME!!
BLUSH
WHA
SORRY.
I CAME WITH LUSIA TO RESCUE YOU.

I CAN'T EVEN BEAT AN ELPHIS.
YEAH! IF I'D TRIED A BIT HARDER, I COULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY ON MY OWN.
BUT I GOT RESCUED BY NAOTO!
キュ CLENCH ゆ
WE'VE GOTTA HURRY AND RESCUE HER!
.....
SHE'S FIGHTING WITH AN ELPHIS OUTSIDE.
They really DO hate me.
I'M SURE SHE'LL BEAT IT AND COME LOOKING FOR US.
.....!
WHERE'S LUSIA?
?

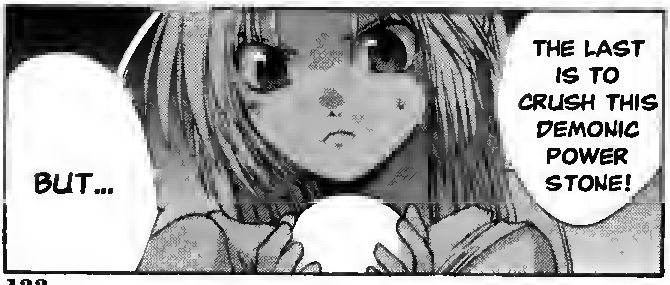
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Lusia said she would be all right.
I'VE GOTTA HURRY AND SMASH THIS.
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A DEMONIC POWER STONE. IT'S THE SOURCE OF THE ELPHIS'S MAGIC POWER.
ONCE WE CRUSH THIS, THE ILLUSION OF THAT ELPHIS WILL DISAPPEAR!
LUSIA IS DIFFERENT NOW!!
SHE'S FIGHTING WITH HER POWER SEALED!!

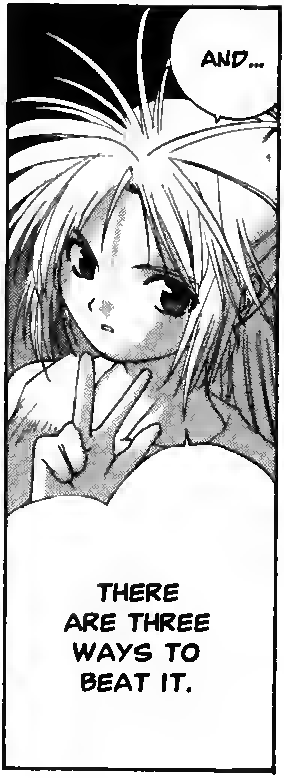

I WASN'T JUST SITTING AROUND WHEN I GOT CAUGHT. I SNATCHED THIS WHEN I ESCAPED.
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?

WHAT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME IS THAT THE SOURCE OF THE MAGIC IS THIS DEMONIC POWER STONE. NOT THE REAL ELPHIS
HMM. I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
THE ELPHIS LUSIA IS FIGHTING NOW ISN'T REAL. IT'S AN ILLUSION. JUST LIKE BEFORE.
THE REAL ELPHIS RARELY COMES DOWN HERE.


somewhere
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE FOR US.
ONE IS TO LOCATE THE REAL ELPHIS, AND KILL IT.

zap
YAH
BUT THEY'LL ALL REAPPEAR.
THE SECOND IS TO GET RID OF ALL THE ILLUSIONS LIKE LUSIA DID BEFORE.


BUT...
THE LAST IS TO CRUSH THIS DEMONIC POWER STONE!


AND...
THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO BEAT IT.

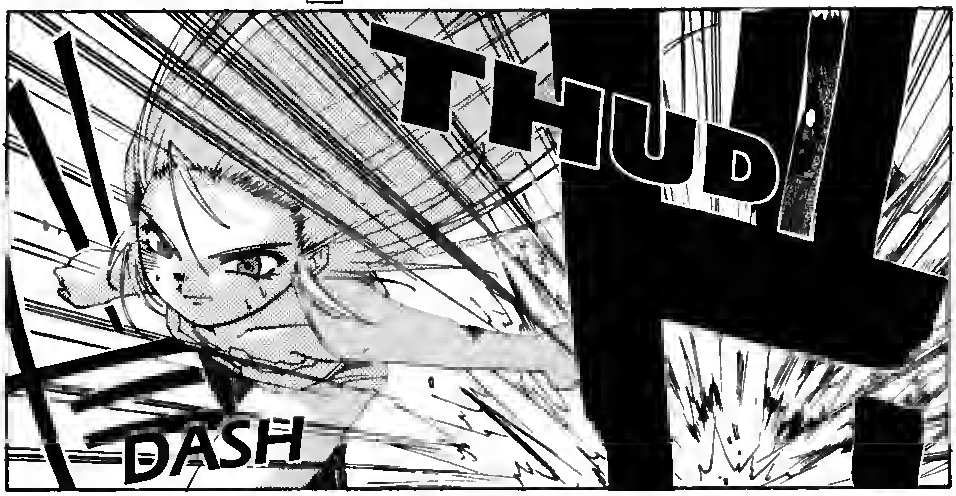
FLAP
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO RELY ON LUSIA.
nod
YOU CAN'T, RIGHT?
.....
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE LUCAVIFATE.
I TOLD YOU, SHE CAN'T BEAT HIM...
DUNNO! BUT EVER SINCE YOU CAME...
LUSIA HASN'T BEEN THE SAME. IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!

WHY WOULD THE LIKES OF YOU BE SO "SPECIAL" TO HER?!
BWF
ほう
.....
blush
EURO ...
ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE... I MEAN...
YOU ARE A GIRL, RIGHT?
SHADDUP!
I...
GLARE

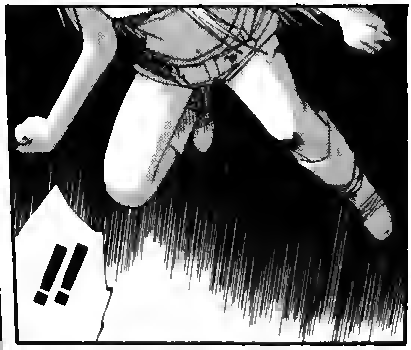
WATCH
WHO'S THERE?
YOU'RE ONLY AN ILLUSION, TOO. YOUR REAL SELF IS SOMEWHERE ELSE.
EVEN IF I WIPE YOU OUT, YOU'D JUST GO BACK TO YOUR OTHER WORLD.
NOW
WAIT JUST A MINUTE, EURO!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOUR SPIRIT IS, THE ELPHIS'S POWER STONE WILL CONSUME YOU WITH ITS EVIL.

VWOOORRR
SCUFF
SCUFF
Damn. What do I do now?!
?
Who's that?
POWER
!
SHOW ME YOUR POWER!
SHOW ME HOW YOU RELEASE YOUR POWER!!

BA-DUMP
THE POWER OF THE LUCAVIFATE!
NO!!


THUD!
DASH

I GOT HER!
WAAA!
DANGLE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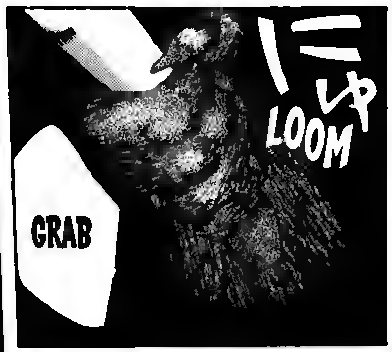
SHADOW!!


LOOM
GRAB

ARGH!
HEH HEH HEH. THAT WAS **TOO** EASY!
HMM.
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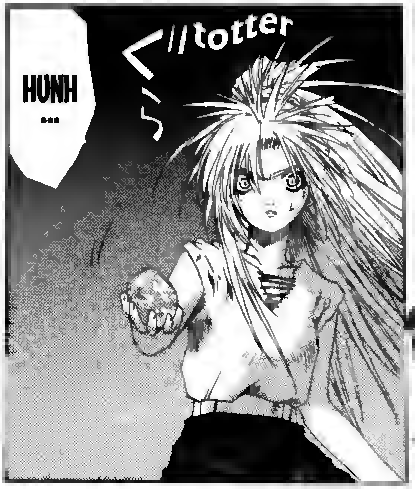
IS THAT **REALLY** ALL THERE IS TO THE POWER OF LUCAVIFATE?

#10
AWAKENING

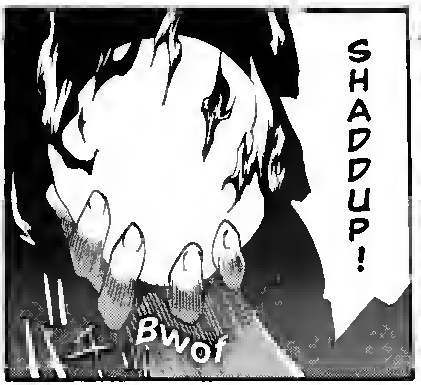
NAOTO, I WILL...
SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR WORLD!

IF YOU HOLD THE POWER STONE, ITS EVIL SPIRIT WILL OVERCOME YOU.

BWHOOF
I WILL DEFEAT YOU! LEAVE THIS WORLD!!


totter
HUNH ...

EURO. THAT SPIRIT IS OVER-POWERING YOU!
THROW THE ROCK DOWN QUICKLY!!


SHADDUP!
Bwor

BWHOOF
BWHOOF
PWF
PWF
ARCH!
GRR
THOMP
THOMP
?!
GRAARG
GRR
GRRRRRR
GRRRRRR
GRAARG

.....

EURO, I CAME TO RESCUE YOU.
GRR
HA HA
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE FIGHTING HER.

VVOOrr
HEH HEH
VGOORR
HA HA HA

THE ONLY FIGHTING TECHNIQUE I HAVE IS THAT USELESS FIREBALL.
HOW AM I GONNA FIGHT?
should I puncn ner?

A GUY LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN DESERT CORAL, NEAR LUSIA.
YOU CAN'T BE HERE! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PAIN!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?! WHY DID YOU COME?!
NEITHER OF US SHOULD BE HERE!!

WHY AM I HERE?
EURO?
AM I DOING WHAT SHE WANTED ME TO DO? IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING ANYWAY. WHY AM I HERE?
WHY?
BECAUSE LUSIA NEEDS ME.
BECAUSE LUSIA CALLED ME.
MEANING.
EVERY-THING HAS...
EURO?
WHY'RE YOU IN DESERT CORAL...
WHY'RE YOU SAYING THAT? WHAT ABOUT YOU.

FSHHHH
WHY IS EURO HERE?
I... I...
?
WHAT?
CLATTER
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
?!
HELP ME!
HELP ME!
SOME-BODY!!

FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE ONE OF US!
IS THIS EURO'S MEMORY?
LUSIA!
klunk
PHEW
LU...SI ...A...
TOTTER
BUT, WHY?

GRAB
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……
GRR
HUP
SORRY, BUT I JUST CAN'T FIGHT YOU.
THE DEMONIC POWER STONE.
!
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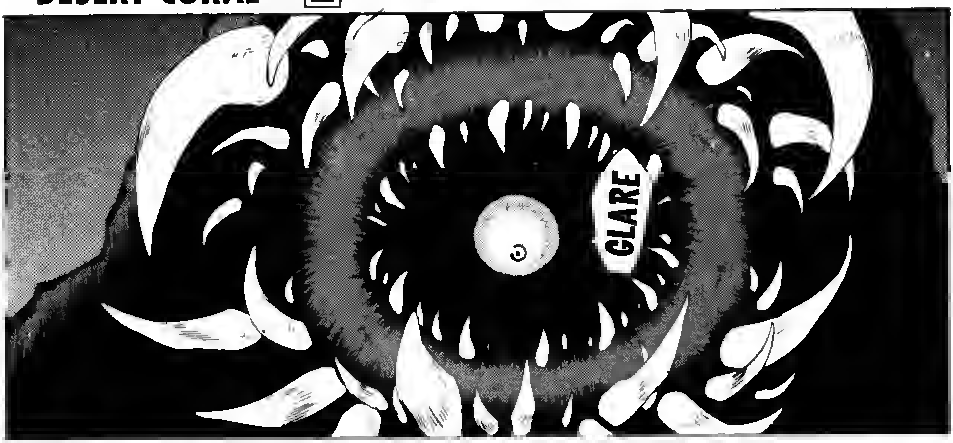
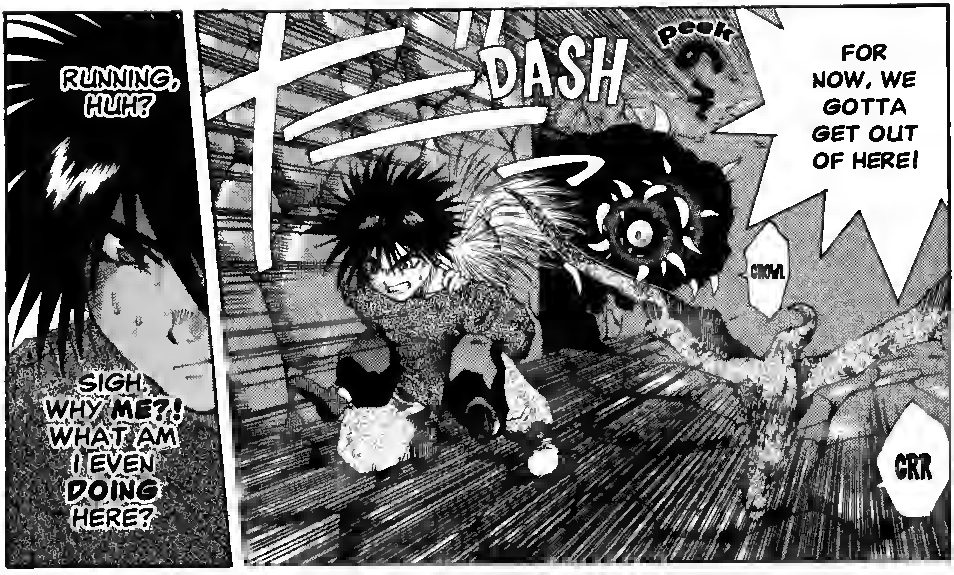
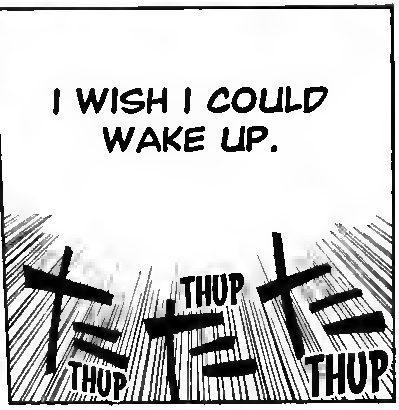

GLARE


RUNNING, HUH?
SIGH. WHY ME?! WHAT AM I EVEN DOING HERE?
DASH
PEEK
FOR NOW, WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
GROWL
GRR

DON'T WORRY.
I'M USED TO THIS NOW.
THUP
THUP
UNGH... NAOTO.


I WISH I COULD WAKE UP.
THUP
THUP
THUP

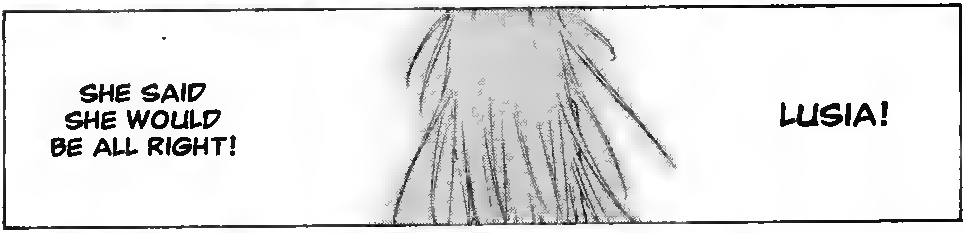
KA-BOOM!
?!!
GARGH

SHUDDER
WHA...
IT HURTS!! I CAN'T BREATHE!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
THWOP
SCUFF
WHAT THE HECK?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
?!
NAOTO?!
THUD
LUSIA!!

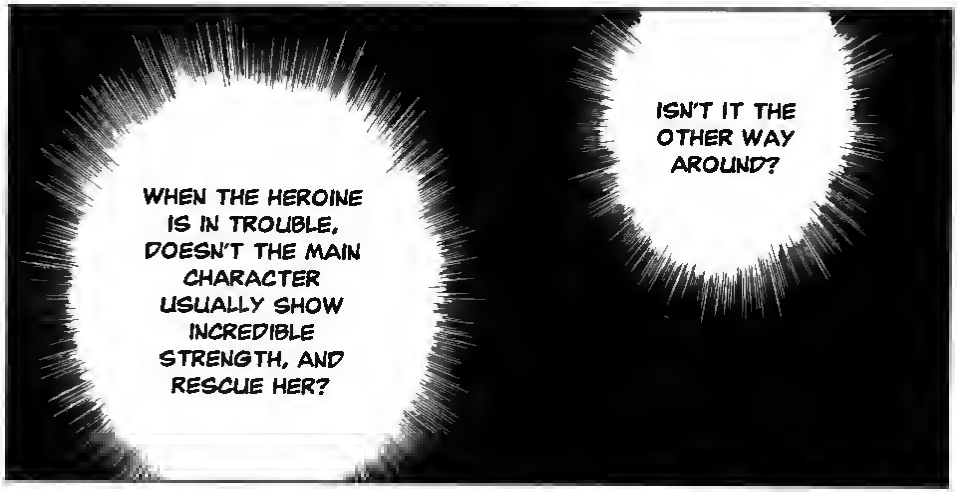
LUSIA AND I ... OUR SENSES ARE CONNECTED.
THROB
スキン
HUFF
I ALMOST FORGOT ...
スキン
HUFF
THROB

THROB
スキン
THIS PAIN IS LUSIA'S.
SO DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S UNDER ATTACK?!

GAARGH
ARGH
UGH
NAOTO!!


SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE ALL RIGHT!
LUSIA!

?!
LUSIA IS BEING ATTACK-ED!
EURO, WE HAVE TO HURRY.


ISN'T IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?
WHEN THE HEROINE IS IN TROUBLE, DOESN'T THE MAIN CHARACTER USUALLY SHOW INCREDIBLE STRENGTH, AND RESCUE HER?

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UGH
FWUP
おばっ
SHADDUP!!
THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE, BOY. IF YOU CAN'T OVERCOME THIS, YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THIS WORLD.
HYAA

WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHO'S TALKING TO ME?!
BWHOOF
FWUP
BWHOOF
WHOSE VOICE IS IN MY HEAD?!
GRR
DEMONS!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!!
GRR
.....?
!
NAOTO!

IF YOU HAVE THAT MUCH SPIRIT LEFT, YOU MUST BE ALRIGHT.
SKSH
GRR
SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT, AND I DON'T MEAN THAT MISERABLE FIREBALL MAGIC.
.....
GRRR
SHOW ME YOUR OWN POWER!

YES. LIKE THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON!

LISTEN, BOY. DRAGONS ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF THE GODS. THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON IS LIKE AN ALMIGHTY GOD RULING OVER TIME AND SPACE.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DESIRE, MERELY FORM ITS IMAGE IN YOUR MIND, AND IT IS YOURS!
NOW, WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
Something to defeat these demons.
GULP
RIGHT!
Bwhoof

ZWOOSH
A SWORD!
I WANT A SWORD!!

VWOORRRR
HYAAAAA!

ARGH!!
BWA HA HA HA HA!!
MASTER SLAYDIS, I DID IT!!
HEH HEH HEH!!
I CAUGHT A LUCAVIFATE ALIVE!!
what do ya expect!
GREAT WORK, RIGHT?
.....
?.....
YEARGH
MASTER SLAYDIS!!!
.....
.....

I DON'T NEED IT ANY MORE.
HUH?
I'M MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN THE BOY WHO'S CONNECTED TO THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH IT. I'M NO LONGER INTERESTED.
WHAT?!
BYE NOW.
CLICK
H-HEY! WAIT A MINUTE

.....
?
FWWSH
DAMN YOU, SLAY-DIS.
THUD
!
...
WE WON'T LET YOU!
GLARE
I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER. BECAUSE NOW I GET TO KILL HER.
HMPH. OH WELL.

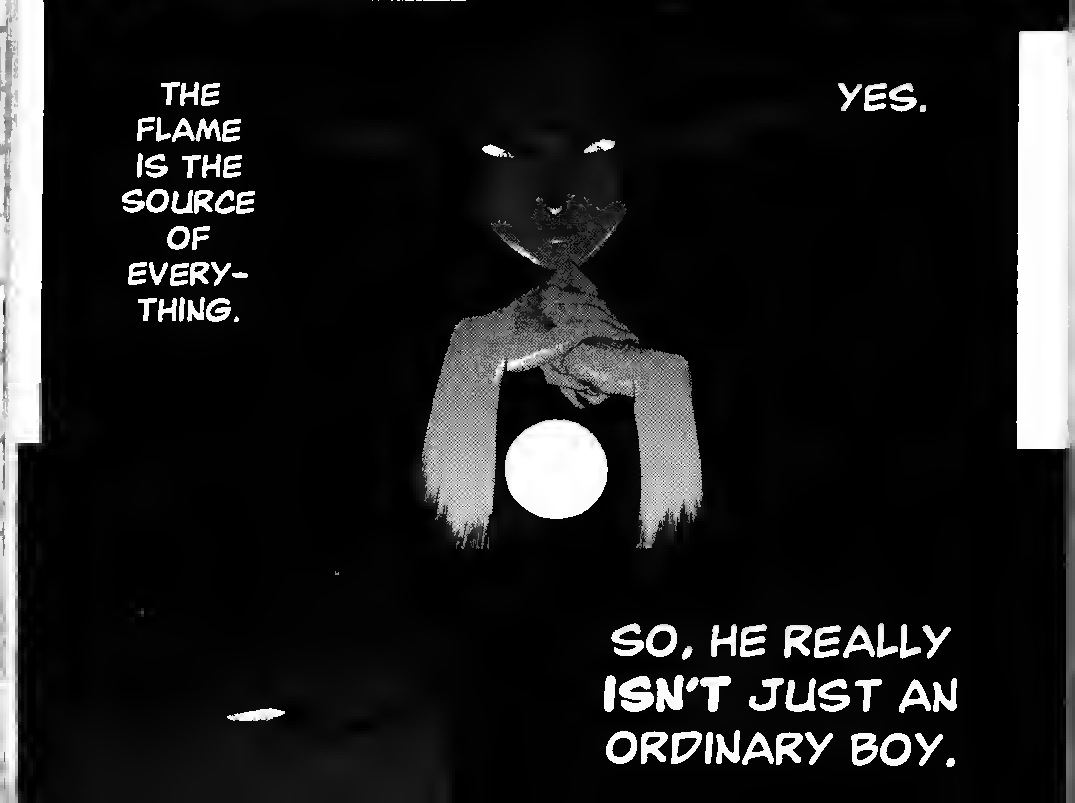
CAMU!
LEVI!
SCUFF

HYAAAA!
N-
NAOTO IS FIGHTING.
GYAAA
THWASH
THIS IS THE LAST ONE!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SCHOOOM
...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, EURO?
GIMME YOUR HAND!
YEAH ...
OKAY.
BA-DMP

WITH MY NEW POWER, MAYBE I CAN CRUSH...
TWITCH
THE POWER STONE!
OH YEAH!
HUH?
WHAT? WE CAN'T RESCUE LUSIA WITHOUT IT.
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE THING.
ずざざ!
SCUFF SCUFF
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
I'M GOING TO CRUSH THIS ROCK!!
BUT HOW?
Holding it doesn't affect him?

GRAB
GRAB
I HAVE TO USE MY FIRE-BALL TO MAKE IT REAL!!
BUT JUST TRYING TO VISUAL-IZE IT IS NOT ENOUGH.
I CAN HAVE ANY-THING I IM-AGINE.
I KNOW!
SMILE
I KNOW WHY MY FIRE-BALLS WERE SO SMALL!
BWHOOF


THE FLAME IS THE SOURCE OF EVERY-THING.
YES.
SO, HE REALLY ISN'T JUST AN ORDINARY BOY.

I DID IT!
A HAMMER!
THAT'S HEAVY!
ta-dah
!!

HYAAAA!!
MY ABILITY IS TO CREATE THINGS FROM THE FLAME!!

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY SAND DUSTS THERE ARE!
VNOORRR
BWA HA HA HA!!
CRACK
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH.
THANKS FOR A GOOD SHOW.
SNAP
GAURCH
?!!
W- WAIT A MINUTE!! MASTER SLAYDIS?!
crumble
BAAM
ARGH!
CRACK
CRACK
WE DIDN'T EVEN DO ANY-THING!
.....
AAAH!!

EPSILON!
AH!
CHK
NAOTO.
SO YOU'VE FINALLY AWAKENED?

CLAP
ぱぉ
ん！
L-LOOKS LIKE IT!

Y-YEAH...
BUT... I...
BUT... I...

GRRR
ハ'
+
FLAP
ぽん
PAT
EURO! YOU DID IT!
WE MADE IT!
WW
.....

BOW
ぱっ
I-IVE GOTTA APOLO-GIZE!
BOW
NAOTO! I-I'M SORRY...

!
LET'S HURRY, EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR US.
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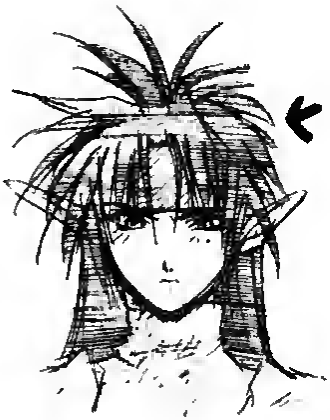
DESERT CORAL 2 END

Desert
Coral

デザコラの人々



CAMULIA
The eldest daughter.
A juvenile delinquent.

NAOMI
The second eldest daughter.
A relotively good girl, but
she gets picked on often.

LUCILLE
Lucille, the third daughter.
A selfish girl who holds the power
of the Desert Corol Family.

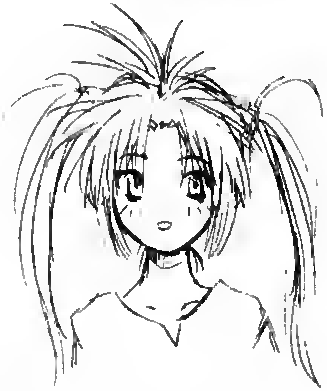
MEMBERS OF THE DESERT CORAL "FAMILY"

← MOTHER

"She" gets mad if the kids don't come home before dinner time. Note the cat's ears.

FATHER →

A useless dad who has no interest in doing chores or taking care of the kids.



← PET

She can tell who has the weakest position within a family. She's well-behaved in front of outsiders.

← MR. SARDIS

A perverted neighbor who follows Lucille and the pet around.

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Kickthekit